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DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 7 – Drama Reading: “**Murder is a Game**” 7:00pm
- May 10 – General Membership Meeting & Tamale Dinner 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- May 19 – Book Review Group: 2:00 – 3:30pm
- May 31 – Tea with Kelly Corrigan: 2:00pm
- June 7 – Tech Trek Campers Social: 2:00 – 4:00pm
- June 14 – Installation Luncheon: 11:00am – 2:30pm

TAMALES TO FEED THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Tamale Dinner, May 10, is an exciting new event to benefit the Local Scholarship Fund. The students selected are currently studying at Chabot and will be going on to four-year colleges. Because the cost of a college education is getting to be so expensive, scholarships are a necessity for most students. We will be awarding two \$2,500 scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. Which means we need to raise a lot of money. Which means we need your support!

The fundraising is serious, but it will be fun fundraising! Featured will be Helene’s special homemade beef tamales and chicken enchiladas. There will also be rice, beans, Cole slaw, citrus fruit salad, and dessert. In the background we will be serenaded with Latin music.

Besides a brief business meeting to elect new officers, we will be introduced to the current Tech Trek campers and past Scholarship recipients. Best of all, there will be a Raffle. We’ll be raffling off special baskets and a number of dining certificates to local restaurants. Tickets will be \$5 each, 5 for \$20.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

1:00 until 3:30pm

Hill & Valley Club

1808 “B” Street

Hayward, CA

Adults \$15.00. Children \$7.00

May 10 will be here soon, so please without delay invite all your family and friends! Send in the registration form with your check, made out to AAUW H/ CV, to **Barbara Jones**, 3595 Oakes Dr, Hayward, CA 94542. Her phone number is **538-0516** if you have any questions.

President's Message – Linda Slater

Of course when, I think of April, I immediately think taxes, or spring showers that bring May flowers, but this month I would like you to think information! Information about the Mission of AAUW and the many opportunities to educate yourselves about what it means to be an AAUW member. At the annual AAUW Ca convention in Rohnert Park on April 4-6th the theme was "It's All About the Mission"! It's easy for you to inform yourself on all of programs AAUW supports by visiting the AAUW National website at <<http://www.aauw.org>>www.aauw.org

I wonder how many of you have taken the opportunity to visit this expansive site to learn about AAUW's mission of Advocacy, Education and Research?

Sit down at your computer (if you don't have one, ask a friend to let you look over their shoulder) and take a moment to educate yourself about AAUW:

- 1.** Access AAUW funded research publications like *"Behind the Pay Gap"*(2007), *"Moms Retirement Security"* (2006), or *"Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination in America"*(2004). The full reports of these publications, and many more, are available to download in pdf format.
 - 2.** Learn about how AAUW advances educational opportunities for Women and Girls through Fellowships (of all kinds), projects, summits and even grass root programs like book clubs. Our own **Liz Bathgate** was honored at the convention for her philanthropic giving to the Educational Foundation by funding an American Fellowship that support women doctoral candidates and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research.
 - 3.** Read the legislative alerts on Congressional voting records, promoting pay equity, Title IX (gender equity in sports), and women's voter turnout. Pamphlets, manuals, brochures and resource kits are all available to download and use, like the **"Woman to Woman Voter Turnout" manual, recommended by Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations.** Or, perhaps I'll see your name on the **BLOG** (a website log) where members discuss, with other members nationally, on issues of importance to AAUW. This month it is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It's easy to sign up and get talking!
- P.S.** You can Shop AAUW for pins, mugs, books, etc. Every purchase supports the mission!
- Let me know if you have any questions or issues navigating the website. All in all the AAUW National website is a treasure trove of information that supports the mission to "Advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research". I'm sure you'll find something of value to pique your interest.

Linda Slater
Branch President

Take a moment
to educate
yourself about

AAUW:

Research
publications,
advances in
educational
opportunities,
etc.

Membership Renewal Update

Thank you to all those members that have mailed in their membership renewals. We are fast approaching the May 12th deadline. If you have not sent in your membership renewal check, please do so as soon as possible.

As we have done in the past, **all those that have paid by the deadline will have their name entered into a drawing for a one year free membership.** The winner will be announced at the installation luncheon on June 14th.

Please use the self-addressed, stamped envelope that was mailed to you in the March Shareline to renew your membership before May 12th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Erica Campisi, Membership Chair

Venue Directory

In order to facilitate planning for programs and fundraisers we think a Venue Directory would be very useful. With a directory at hand the event planner wouldn't have to rack her brains to come up with a likely venue. So we are asking you for your suggestions. Do you know of a potentially suitable site, such as a club house, meeting room, church hall, or civic space?

Please send your suggestions to Bonnie Smith, 571 Blue Jay Dr, Hayward, CA 94544 or mzzboo@sbcglobal.net. Include as much information as you can: the name, address, and phone number of the venue, the name of the contact person, rental fee, if alcoholic beverages are allowed, if fundraisers are permitted. If you can only supply a name of a potential site, that will be helpful too. Thanks very much for your input.

**American
Association of
University Women**

Hayward/Castro
Valley Branch

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.aauw.org

(national site)

<http://aauw-hcv.org>

(local site)



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

The May meeting of the Book Review Group will be on the afternoon of Monday the 19th, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Dee Donaldson, 19286 Parkview Road, Castro Valley. Berna Neumiller will review **Stephen Waldman's "Founding Faith"**. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions or need directions, call Dee at 538.3415.

The **Book Review Group** is open to all branch members who enjoy books, and like to share books and ideas with friends. Please join us.

DRAMA READING GROUP

In May, we will meet at **Liz Bathgate's home on the 7th at 7:00pm.** This will be the last play until October. This month we will read "**Murder Is a Game**", by **Fred Carmichael**. It is a Comedy-Mystery offering laughter, suspense, intriguing characters, sparkling dialog and many plot twists. There are 8 roles in the play, so plenty of reading for all.

Member News

Friends are saddened to learn that **Adelaide Jenike's husband, Gilbert** passed away, not long after Adelaide's death. A private funeral was held for Gilbert at the family's church. They are survived by their two daughters.

**Estelle Raderman has a new email address:
erade@att.net**

Please contact your corresponding secretary with member news so we can send cards and notes of congratulation, support, or sympathy. Let's let our friends know we care. Send your news to :bb_jones@pacbell.net or 538.0516

TECH TREK CAMPERS SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008
2-4 PM

Quail Run Homeowners Association Clubhouse
33783 Whimbrel Road
Fremont, CA 94555



Menu:

Hot dogs, chips, ice cream sundaes

A time to get to know other 2008 Trekkers from District 2
Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

Ask questions of past Trekkers, Camp Dorm Moms, and Others!
Tech Trekkers, Parents and Family are all welcome!

Science Camp
For Girls

A Project of
AAUW California

Rory Keller, Camp Director/Mills College and Marie Wolbach/Co-Tech Trek Project Coordinator

Driving North or South on Hwy 880, take Fremont Blvd / Alvarado Blvd exit (note: Fremont Blvd is in North Fremont). Go south on Fremont Blvd 1/3 mile to Paseo Padre Pkwy and turn left at Paseo Padre Pkwy. Go 1 block to Milton, turn left at Milton. Go to end of Milton and turn right onto Beard Road. Go about 100 yards and turn left onto Quail Run Road. Go 1 block to stop sign. Clubhouse is on your right.

Coming from Contra Costa, take 580 toward Oakland. Take 238 West to 880 south toward San Jose. Go south on 880 about 10 miles to Fremont Blvd/Alvarado Blvd. Follow instructions above.

RSVP: by June 2, 2008

Jill Bennett 510-713-8714 or bennettjill@sbcglobal.net

The Branch is holding a **General Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 1 PM - 3:30pm** at the Hill and Valley Club in conjunction with the Tamale Feed and Fiesta supporting Local Scholarship.

The membership will elect the incoming slate of officers for 2008-09:

President: Linda Slater

President Elect: Open

Membership VP: Erica Campisi

Finance VP: Peggy Robinson

Program VP: Helene Carr

EF VP: Bonnie Smith

LAF VP: Ursula Batz

Recording Sec: Liz Bathgate

Corresponding Sec: Barbara Jones

Nominating Committee: Liz Bathgate, Helene Carr, Ruth Leth, Barbara Jones and Evelyn Gertler

In addition, the membership will have the opportunity to meet and acknowledge the six (6) 7th grade girls chosen by the Tech Trek committee to attend this years' camp at Mills College.

I hope all members will come out to (1) VOTE; (2) celebrate with the Tech Trek girls on their acceptance for camp; and (3) support Local Scholarship! It should be a fun, entertaining day!

See you there!

Convention Re-Cap

On April 4-6th, Helene Carr, Past President, Liz Bathgate, Branch Secretary, Nancy Turner, Program VP and myself had the pleasure of attending the AAUW California convention at the Sonoma County Doubletree Inn in Rohnert Park. This year's theme was "It's All About the Mission".

As you may know, the state officer configuration has changed. We now vote for a board of directors and the directors choose the officers from among the elected board. The 16 people elected to the 2008-10 AAUW CA Board of Directors were Lynne Batchelor, Rozanne Child, Letitia Corum, Kathleen Doty, Donna Erickson, Mickie Feicht, Jo Harberson, Anne Henke, Karen Jackle, Sherry Ludwig, Bakula Maniar, Judith Pfeil, Gail Swain, Gloria Taylor, Patricia Toth, and Harriett Tower. The newly elected officers met and selected the following leaders, to begin serving on July 1, 2008: Presidents, Judith Pfeil and Gloria Taylor; Vice President, Mickie Feicht; Secretary, Kathleen Doty, and Financial Officer, Leticia Corum.

The convention speakers were varied and accomplished. They included attendees from the Association including Ruth Sweetser, AAUW President, Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, and Catherine Hill, Ph. D, AAUW Director of Research. Other speakers included LAF litigant Paul Thein and his attorney Michael Terhost. Their story was quite compelling.

Our own, Liz Bathgate was honored as EF State-Named Gift Honoree for her support of AAUW and EF over the years. Liz began an American Endowment in her own name, which she recently completed so she could begin to meet "her fellows". Congratulations Liz!

The final program on Sunday was truly inspiring. A panel of four women spoke about their work educating women in unique ways and empowering them to live a better life. Dr Soheir Stolba, s Share Institute <http://www.theshareinstitute.org/> provides mini grants for education and training that focuses on women and positively impacts families and communities.

Jane Roberts of 34 Million Friends of the United Nations Population Fund (<http://www.34millionfriends.org/>) shared her mission to help provide girls and women equal access to education, health, and human rights.

Susan Geer is a consultant for the Global Women,s Leadership Network headquartered at Santa Clara University <http://www.scu.edu/business/gwln/>. The final anelist at the Sunday plenary was photojournalist Paola Gianturco. Her latest book, Women Who Light the Dark, (<http://www.womenwholightthedark.com>) features photos and stories of local women all over the world who are tackling problems which affect them and their families including disease, discrimination, disabilities, domestic violence, child rape, lack of pure water, and sex trafficking. Information about most of the convention programs and speakers can be found on AAUW California,s blog: <http://aauwca.blogspot.com/>

As always I invite your comments and input.

Linda Slater
Branch President

AAUW Installation Lunch Hayward - Castro Valley Branch

Come meet our 2008 Local Scholarship recipients

Saturday, June 14, 2008

11:30 am ^ 2:30 pm, Dick,s Restaurant Banquet Room

3188 Alvarado, San Leandro, CA 94577 ____ Yes, I will attend -

Name: _____

____ I am w illing to help at the luncheon. Phone: _____

____ I am bringing a guest - Name: _____

Enclosed \$ _____

Please select your meal choice. All meals include coffee or hot tea, plus carrot cake for dessert.

____ Grilled Salmon # ____ Broiled Chicken Breast

____ Cobb Salad&! nbsp; # ____ Vegetarian Stir Fry

Cost is \$25.00. Deadline is June 7. Make checks out to *H-CV AAUW* and mail to:

Nancy Turner

PO Box 6352

Hayward, CA 94540-6352

EDITOR'S NOTE

I will be out of town, at the end of May, and will not be able to format the June issue of the Shareline. **Bonnie Smith** has been kind enough to take on the task. **Please send articles, by May 28**, to Bonnie at: mzzboo@sbcglobal.net for the June edition. Thanks!

Sara A. Kaplan
Shareline Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, May 31, 2008 @ 2:00pm, the Hayward Public Library and the Hayward/Castro Valley Branch of AAUW will sponsor "**Tea with Kelly Corrigan**" in the main meeting room of the Hayward Public Library at 835 C Street, Downtown Hayward.

Ms. Corrigan is the author of the widely acclaimed **The Middle Place, a cancer survivor's memoir**, with a welcome twist: "a laughter-filled celebration of family" says the Kirkus Reviews. **For more information about Kelly Corrigan and "The Middle Place", go to: <http://www.kellycorrigan.com>**

It is a pleasure for the Branch to be co-sponsoring with the Library on this important educational venue on breast health. In conjunction with the tea, other public pre-events will be scheduled in the community. **Dates, times and place TBA.**

Kelly Corrigan's appearance at six Bay Area public libraries is being facilitated by the "Big Box Program" of the Peninsula Library System/Bay Area Library and Information System that provide the author with an honorarium and assist with marketing.

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