American Association Of University Women

Hayward/Castro Valley Branch

November/December 2007

The Shareline



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President's Message – Linda Slater

Hello fellow members. We are quickly moving into the Holiday season! I think your Board has come up with several fun events that will tempt you out to socialize while supporting our mission based programs that "advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research". That's right, AAUW's Mission statement. I wanted to bring it to the forefront this month, because two of our major events in November and December exemplify the mission.

The first is the **Cabernet & Chocolate Evening, on November 10th**, to support LAF. What's that you might ask? The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides financial and emotional support for women seeking redress in the courts for sex discrimination in academia. LAF, established in 1981, is the largest legal fund focused entirely on this objective. A volunteer network of attorneys and social scientists work with the LAF to provide plaintiffs with the support they need. At our Cabernet & Chocolate Evening you'll get an opportunity to hear from a current California Plaintiff about her experiences combating discrimination. Spouses and/or partners are encouraged to come along! Be sure to print out and send in the registration form in this Shareline.

The second event is the annual **Holiday Party on December 2nd**, where you will be able to bid on items during a silent auction to support EF. What's that, you say? The Educational Foundation (EF) provides educational opportunities and equity for women and girls through research and support of fellowship and grants programs, including International Fellowships, American Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, and Research and Projects Grants. Of the more than \$4 million the Foundation awards each year for grants, fellowships and research, AAUW California contributes over \$500,000. Guests are always welcome! Be sure to print out and send in the registration form in this Shareline.

On the purely social side, I want to invite you to join me and other members for a **Tour of the Historic Dunsmuir Mansion** in Oakland on December 15th. The reservation fee of \$10 is due to me by November 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun together. Call me at (510) 259-3802 or email me at <mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net>slaterl@sbcglobal.net if you're interested. Bring a friend!

As you can see, our events are designed to tempt everyone to come out and support our programs. Remind yourself that you joined AAUW because you believe in the mission, the programs, and AAUW's sponsorship. So I hope to see everyone at any or all of the upcoming events.

From me to you: Have a safe, healthy and happy Holiday.

Linda Slater, Branch President



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN HAYWARD / CASTRO VALLEY BRANCH

Invites YOU to Attend a Fundraiser for the

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND



A CABERNET AND CHOCOLATE EVENING

Saturday, November 10th - 7 to 9 p.m. 4473 Hillsborough Dr. Castro Valley

Hear from Ms. Arezou Payvandi, the lead plaintiff in the Davis Wrestling case, about how this case has progressed in the courts this year.

Eat home made chocolate and other desserts baked by branch members.

Drink wine and enjoy the fellowship of friends and new acquaintances.

Listen to the piano styling of Dave Krug (he takes requests)

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By November 2, 2007, tear off and send in the reservation form plus \$20 reservation fee

To Linda Slater at 26 Via Verde San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Cabernet and Chocolate Reservation Form

Name (s)
@ \$20/person* \$ (make check out to AAUW LAF) *\$12 of reservation fee is a tax deductible contribution to the Legal Advocacy Fund a 501(c)(3); \$8 is needed to cover costs of the event.
I will bring the following dessert
Additional tax deductible donation to AAUW LAF \$

Dining Fundraisers

The second dining fundraiser of the year at Chevy's netted the branch \$211.90. Many thanks to all of you who enjoyed lunch or dinner out and helped us raise money for Tech Trek.

Two more dining fundraisers are scheduled for November and December. **Monday**, **November 5**, **Mimi's Cafe** at 24542 Hesperian Blvd, located in front of Southland Mall near Southland Drive, will help us raise further funds for the girls who will go to Mills College science camp next June. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. You will need a flyer to give to the waitperson with your customer check and Mimi's will donate 10% from each sale.

Tuesday, December 11th, Fresh Choice at Stoneridge Mall (between Macys for Men and J.C. Penneys), will donate 15% of each sale. Again, you will need a Fresh Choice flyer. If you need flyers, contact Barbara Jones at **538.0516** or by email at

bb_jones@pacbell.net. If you have a flyer and need more, you may make your own copies. Copies of flyers will be available at all coming events.

Watch for further dining announcements after the first of the year. Already scheduled is Tuesday, February 19th, at Tony Roma's at Union City Landing (across from the movie theatres). Details and flyers will be available soon. Watch future issues of the *Shareline*, Yahoogroups, and calls from the telephone tree to learn of additional dining venues and dates.

Many thanks to all of you who are enjoying the various area restaurants and are helping raise money for our Tech Trek girls.

Tour Castello di Amorosa,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007 9:00am^5:00pm \$56.00

We will leave from Castro Valley Adult School parking lot on 7 Hills Road at 9:00am. We arrive at the newly opened Castello di Amorosa, Castle of Love, a Tuscan-style castle built by Daryl Sattui. Many of the rooms are furnished in period style. This castle cannot be seen from the road. It cost more than \$30 million over 13 years to build his dream. You will visit the two-acre barrel cellar and tasting room where visitors can sip-taste a half-dozen wines.

When we leave the castle, our bus will take us into St. Helena where everyone is on his/her own for lunch. Many excellent restaurants with a variety of price ranges are available to choose from. From there we will return home.

Contact person is: Genie Lester

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Drama Reading:

The Tuesday group will meet at 1:30pm at the Green Shutter Art Gallery on November 6th. The play to be read is "A Bench in the Sun" by Ron Clark. The Wednesday evening group will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 7pm on the 7th of November. These meetings are open to all interested people. We do have a great time reading the plays and welcome newcomers.

Book Review Group

The first meeting of the Book Review Group was a huge success as fifteen of us enjoyed a rainy afternoon of wonderful treats at the home of Carol Lauritzen and a review of Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome* by Mathilde Schmidt.

Monday, November 19th, from 2-4, we will have a discussion of one of today's best-selling novels, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Olive Riley-Steward will introduce the novel and will lead the discussion. Dee Butner will be hostess for the afternoon. Dee's home is at 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley. Her phone number is 537-8541. The meeting is open to all members and guests who enjoy good books and special friends. We look forward to welcoming you.

Member News

Dr. Joan Seavey Thomas, branch member since 1962, passed away on September 30th. Joan was Dean at California State University, Hayward, for many years, and was honored many times for her tireless volunteer services to the Hayward community. She is survived by her husband John Thomas and three children.

Kimi Kitayama's husband Ray passed away on September 29th, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by Kimi, his wife of 30 years, four children and five grandchildren.

Our sympathy goes out to these families for their tremendous losses.

Barbara Davis is staying close to home these days as she adjusts to new medicines. She would enjoy hearing from her many friends.

Nancy Schluntz has officially retired from her thirteen years as director of FESCO and is enthusiastically entering her **new career** as an **Interfaith Chaplain.** She has been studying hard the past two years and was ordained on September 23rd.

Please contact **Barbara Jones** if you have news of a branch member who needs congratulations, encouragement, or a reminder of the many friends she has. Barbara can be reached at **538.0516** or by e-mail at **bbjones@pacbell.net**. Let's let our friends know we care.

Janet Kilgour has a new email address. Please change it in your roster.

The new one is kilgourj@comcast.net

Caryn Goldman,s address is:

2881 Castro Valley Blvd, Suite D Castro Valley, CA 94546

Nancy Turner's husband, s last name is: John Hendry

Barbara Tracey's email is: :bupbup@aol.com

Helene Ramos's email is: HleeRamos@comcast.net



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007

SPANISH RANCH 1 MOBILE HOME PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 28400 Granada Ave, Hayward 2 – 4 PM

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday November 26th

Price*: \$7.00 per person with pre-registration; or \$8.00 at the door

* Reservation fee goes to the Branch, a 501(c)(4) organization, to defray event expenses; therefore the amount is not tax deductible

Please cut out reservation form and send with your check made payable to **AAUW H/CV** to Bonnie Smith at 571 Blue Jay Drive, Hayward 94544, telephone 510-581-6747, email mazzboo@sbcglobal.net

Member Name:	Member Email (if available)	
Guests are Encouraged – Name(s):		
I will bring an hors d'oeuvre to share	YES _	NO
I will bring a gift card(s)** for the shelters	YES _	NO
I will bring an item(s) for the silent auction	YES _	NO
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Suggestions for silent auction items valued at \$10 or above:

- III Merchant donated goods (food, novelties, etc.)
- III Merchant donated gift certificates (restaurants, movies, personal services, personal care,etc.)
- III Gift baskets (Merchant donated or handmade)
- III Homemade items (goodies, crafts, jewelry, etc.)

A dollar table will be set up to sell items valued below \$10. All proceeds of Silent Auction and dollar table are earmarked for the Educational Foundation (EF).

Bring your items for auction or sale with you on the day of the party.

** Gift card(s) to stores like Target, Sears, JC Penney, KMART, etc. in denominations of \$10 or above to be spent on clothing, bedding, etc. for shelter residents. The Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) and the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) are both 501(c)(3) organizations. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Flea Market a Success for Tech Trek

On Saturday, October 10, at the Flea Market sponsored by the Spanish Ranch Homeowner's Association, proceeds of \$516.20 were donated to our branch's Tech Trek fund. Two tables were staffed by AAUW members Helene Carr, Peggy Robinson, Charlotte Saldek and Nancy Turner. Item donations were received from Liz Bathgate, Helene Carr, Mary Grieg, Dawn Plaskon, JoEllen Rice, Charlotte Sladek, Linda Slater, and Nancy Turner. Thanks so much for your donations of items and time. This event was fun, and helped us raise money from the community. Each purchaser was told how their money would be used, and some people told us to keep the change or made an additional contribution.

The money will go towards the \$700 per girl cost that is borne by our branch. Summer 2008 we hope to send six girls to Tech Trek. Tech Trek is a week-long math / science camp at Mills College designed to develop math / science interests, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter 8th grade in the fall.

Sweet Fund Raiser

Here's a holiday gift idea you can purchase at all coming meetings or anytime in the future: A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR ONE POUND OF SEE'S CANDIES for \$14.50. The certificates have no expiration date and are redeemable at any See's Candy Shop. The branch makes a 26% profit on each certificate. Bring your checkbook to the events and get started on your holiday shopping. Certificates will be available at the Cabernet and Chocolate LAF fundraiser on November 10th, with proceeds going to LAF, and at the Holiday Party on December 2nd, proceeds going to scholarships.

A UNIQUE STOCKING STUFFER

Also for sale at all events are coupon booklets for savings at any Carl Jr.'s worth \$45.00.. Booklets cost \$5 and the branch earns \$4 from each sale. Booklets will be available at the Holiday Party or contact Peggy Robinson at 728.0450. Proceeds from these sales will go to Tech Trek.

Planning Ahead for the Tri-Branch Educational Foundation Luncheon

Mark your 2008 calendar for February 2, 11:30 – 2:30, and then send in your reservation for the popular annual Tri-Branch Luncheon

Our branch is host, this time around. It will be at Sunol Valley Golf Club. In addition to socializing with members from our neighboring branches, and having fun with the White Elephant sale, you will definitely want to meet our chosen Fellow, a graduate of Mission San Jose High School in Fremont. She is in her third year of medical school at UCSF and is busy with internships.

The cost of the luncheon is \$32.00. You have a choice of three deliciopus dishes: chicken piccata, grilled salmon, or tortellini primavera; all come with house salad, New York cheesecake, and coffee, or tea.

Since our branch is the host of the luncheon we want to be well represented. Our goal is to sign-up 30 attendees. So to show our colors and be enlightened too, please complete the Reservation Form below and send it in today, lest you forget in the rush of the holiday season. Make checks payable to H/CV AAUW (non-tax deductible) and send checks and reservation forms to Erica Campisi, 841 Hampton Rd., Hayward, CA, 94541-1421. The deadline is January 23.

Sunol Valley Golf Club is located at 6900 Mission Road, Sunol CA The luncheon will be in the Pavillion Room, overlooking the beautiful green, palm tree studded golf course.

For information, contact Bonnie Smith at: 510-581-6747 or mzzboo@sbcglobal.net

Tri-Branch EFLuncheon Reservation Form When: Saturday, February 2, 2008 11:30 - 2:30 Where: Sunol Valley Golf Club Pavillion
MsWill attend. Choice of meal is as follows: Make your selection, on the form, & mail it with your reservation check for \$32.00 to Erica Campisi.
Chicken Piccata Grilled Salmon Tortellini Primevera

WALK-A-THON SURPASSED ITS GOAL

Under a mostly sunny sky, 16 members and their partners got together in Garin Park for the annual walk-a-thon. Thanks to their own generosity, that of their sponsors and of other members who sent in donations, \$1,461.00 was raised for the Education Foundation!

After a long trek up Garin Avenue to the park – parking was at a premium due to a huge gathering at a high school cross-country track meet there – the walkers stopped for a breath, then continued on to enjoy the varied trails. A tasty and convivial picnic followed. As one of the walkers remarked, our event turned out to be "much more interesting with all the kids running."

I want to especially thank Liz Bathgate for providing the water and fruit nectars, Danielle Stonelake for donating inscribed pocket mirrors that were given out as prizes, Linda Slater for obtaining the pedometers that were given to each walker, and Judy Harrison and Peggy Robinson for getting up early to help set-up and offer general assistance.

Bonnie Smith

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