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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 5 – LWV Candidate Forum 6:00 – 8:30pm
October 6 – LWV Ballot pros & cons Forum: 12:00 – 1:30pm
October 11 – Drama reading group
October 15 – Community Forum on Breast Health
October 16 – Book Review Group
November 7 – Election Day
November 11 – Cabernet & Chocolate
December 2 – Annual Holiday Party

A Community Forum Monday, October 16, 2006

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Forum Room

***First Presbyterian Church, 2490 Grove Way, Castro
Valley***

(next to Trader Joe's)

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, please join us for an informative evening with a panel of speakers including a Breast Health Educator and breast cancer survivors sponsored by Halleluiah for Health at 1st Presbyterian and the Hayward-Castro Valley branch of AAUW.

There is no cost for admission. Please tell your friends. Refreshments will be provided following the program.

LEAGUE HOSTS BALLOT PROS AND CONS FORUM

Do you find the 13 ballot propositions confusing? Then you should attend the Eden Area League of Women Voters forum on Friday, October 6, from noon to 1:30 p.m. League presenters will discuss the pros and cons of each of the propositions so that voters can make an educated decision on how to vote November 7. The forum will be held at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo, San Leandro. This event is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Hayward/Castro Valley Branch. The cost is \$10 for the lunch. For more information call 538-9678.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Helene Carr

We're off to another lively and successful year: good attendance at the New Member Meet and Greet at Buffalo Bill's; wonderful support for our booth at the Castro Valley Fall Festival; and the great turnout for our membership potluck. Thanks to all of you who helped with and attended the events.

In honor of October being National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, give yourself a self-exam when you shower – early detection is critical. The Breast Health Forum is scheduled for October 16; please mark your calendar. Details are in this Shareline.

Also, our grapefruit is scheduled to be delivered in December. Liz Bathgate chairs this fundraiser and works tirelessly to make it a successful one. The delicious grapefruit makes a wonderful gift both to us and to others. I read recently that red grapefruit may lower cholesterol by as much as 15%.

We have some fun events on the horizon – please make your reservations early for Cabernet and Chocolate at Ursula Batz'. The Holiday Party is in the planning stages and the committee is still looking for volunteers and auction items. If you have an item you would like to donate and/or help, please contact Joyce Morrison.

The mailing of our new member directory is now underway and included with the directory is a questionnaire regarding the Shareline. Would you like to receive it online or by mail? Your response is important as this is your branch and if there are any suggestions or comments that you would like to contribute, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Thanks again to all of you.

P. S. PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER

**NOVEMBER BALLOT PROPOSITIONS/INITIATIVES
ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AAUW-CA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

1C SUPPORT Perata. Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

The purpose of this bill is to provide shelters for battered women and their children; clean, safe housing for low-income senior citizens; homeownership assistance for the disabled, military veterans and working families; and repairs accessibility improvements to apartments for families and disabled citizens.

Background Information: The severe shortage of affordable and emergency housing in California is well documented. In 2002, voters approved Proposition 46, the \$2.1 billion Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act. Funds provided under this proposition will be exhausted by the end of 2006. This measure seeks to re-establish this funding with The Housing and Emergency Trust Fund Act of 2006. Many of the same programs would be continued should this bond measure pass.

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LEAGUE TO MODERATE CANDIDATE FORUM

A candidate forum for the Assembly 18th District seat and for the Eden Medical Center Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, October 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The forum will be moderated by the Eden Area League of Women Voters for the two candidates for Assembly: Mary Hayashi and Jill Buck. There are seven candidates for three seats for the Eden Board. The candidate forum will be held at the All Saints Church, 22824 Second Street, Hayward. For further information, call 562-4473 (evenings) or email lwvea@aol.com.

Share Your Love of Animals

Do you love animals? Would you like to brighten the day for those that need to reside in a convalescent or rest home? Combine the two and become a Rest-home Docent for the Sulphur Creek Nature Center. We are currently looking for individuals that are available one or two Wednesdays each month from 12noon - 4:30pm to visit rest homes within the Hayward/Castro Valley area to share animals. Your visits will enrich the lives for hundreds of adults that can no longer get out and about.

Join this caring and energetic team of docents as you enjoy a very rewarding opportunity of giving back to your community. Volunteer applications can be picked up at Sulphur Creek, or call 881-6747 and ask to speak to Wendy for more information. Sulphur Creek Nature Center is located at 1801 D Street, Hayward.

Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction

Saturday December 2nd 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Hill & Valley Club, 1808 B Street Hayward

Do you have “white elephant” items, gifts, or collectables that you aren’t using & would like to donate for our annual holiday party & auction? Perhaps you have some homemade crafts, or art objects that you can put up for bid. Liz Bathgate is again donating a week’s use of her cabin at Lake Tahoe. This gift has been a great money maker, and all gifts benefit our Educational Foundation. Items can be brought to the party, or dropped off at my home: **3253 Round Hill, Hayward**. If it is necessary, I can pick them up. It would be helpful if Joyce Morrison knows what is being contributed, so that bid sheets can be made. A meeting is planned from 10:00am until 4:00pm at Ms. Morrison’s house to plan the party & auction. Please sign up to help! Joyce’s phone number is: 510- 728-1029.

BOOK EXCHANGE GROUP

Mary Krieg, who was a member of the Alameda Branch of AAUW, used to attend a book exchange group. At this informal meeting members would give a short synopsis of the plot of their book and then anyone interested could take it home to read. This group will meet the second Thursday of each month at Mary's home at 2pm. If you are interested in coming to this, call Mary at 510-733-6724.

DRAMA READING GROUP

Our wonderful group of "Would be Thespians" will meet on October 11th to read Proposals by Neil Simon. We meet, usually on the 1st Wednesday evening of the month, but this month due to a trip, I have changed it to the second Wednesday.

This group is open to new members who like to read a play cold. Each one of us is given a part and we read a different play each month that is sent to us by another AAUW branch. We enjoy each other's company, laugh at the play, have refreshments and solve all of the world's problems!! The cost of \$1.00 is collected to cover postage as the plays are sent on after each reading.

November's play will be Don't Dress for Dinner by Marc Camelotti. It will take place on November 1st, so put it on your calendar.

Call Liz Bathgate if you have any questions. 581-0461.

AFTERNOON DRAMA READING

Many members have shown interest in having a Drama Reading group in the afternoon. The books we use in the evening are available to us for two weeks. The meeting will take place the 1st Thursday of each month at Baywood Court at 2pm. It will take place in their small dining room and Eva Kastel is the contact person who will be our member in charge.

Call her at 583-1236 if you are interested in coming to this afternoon play reading. It will be the same play that we do with the evening group.

WOMEN IN HISTORY GROUP

Sharon Collins is calling the schools in Hayward and Castro Valley. We will do three elementary schools on each Wednesday morning in March. We present ourselves as famous women from history who have made a difference in how we all live our lives today. This will be the 11th year that we have been doing this program and we feel it is a valuable asset to the teachers in their encouragement of girls looking at their future possible careers. We can do more than three schools each Wednesday morning if we can get a larger cast of characters. If you have a particular favorite woman from history and would like to portray her and let 4-6th graders know how important she was in her time, call Liz Bathgate and we will get together to discuss your participation in our group. The time requirement is very small, just 1.5 hours on four Wednesday mornings in March.

**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

Welcome everyone! We meet the third Monday of the month in each other's homes from 2 - 4 PM. On October 16, Jan Tsuchiya will be our reviewer, and the meeting will be hosted by Mary Mayer, 21966 Dolores Street, apt. 309.

Please mark your calendar!

Entertainment Books are now available for \$25.00 for the year of November 2 2006 through 2 November 2007. \$5.00 from each purchase goes to the Educational Fund. The books offer great savings on both gourmet and casual dining , sporting events, movies, and attractions, such as: Zoo, Aquarium, Miniature Golf, as well as coupons for travel, airlines and special events.

Please contact Betty Lucchesi @ 537-8202, or
Joyce Morrison @ 728-1029

MEMBER NEWS

Longtime member Marilouise Albert has been very ill.

Mary Mayer recently checked into Kaiser hospital for a pacemaker. She is now feeling peppy and is eager to get back to her many favorite activities.

Please keep me posted on members who need to receive a card of congratulations, encouragement, or just need to know we're here and we care.

Call me at 538.0516 or e-mail me at: bb_jones@packbell.net. Thanks.
Barbara Jones, Corresponding Secretary.

The GOURMET GROUP presents a HARVEST BONANZA Dinner

6:00 P.M., Saturday, . October 21

Please refer to the September Shareline for the menu.

GRAPEFRUIT SALE

The wonderful juicy Ruby Red Grapefruit will once again be delivered to my house in a Semi truck. They will arrive in early December, just in time for Holiday giving. The cost has risen due to the cost of fuel. The large boxes will now cost \$15.00 each and will contain anywhere from 18-20 large, thin skinned grapefruit. I order five cases just for Bob and I and we hate it when we cut the last one in March. They keep well in our garage. We also order a number of cases to use as gifts. This is a fundraiser for the branch, so send you checks made out to AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley to Liz Bathgate 22112 Queen Street, Castro Valley 94546. The deadline for orders will be in mid November. Be sure and ask your friends if they want some!!!

Cabernet and Chocolate Event Is Coming

When: November 11, 7 to 9 p.m.

**Where: Home of Ursula Batz,
4473 Hillsborough Dr
Castro Valley**

Mark you calendar now!

Our annual Cabernet and Chocolate Event is a fund raiser for the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW (LAF). LAF supports women in higher education who are discriminated against because of their gender or sexually harassed in their work place. Litigants are supported by the Fund emotionally, legally and financially when they file litigation against their institution of higher learning. There are always many more deserving litigants applying for funds from LAF than the Fund is able to take on. To help promote this important work in our colleges and universities, our branch has long supported the work of LAF.

NOVEMBER BALLOT PROPOSITIONS/INITIATIVES
ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AAUW-CA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE (continued)

1C cont: Relationship to AAUW Public Policy Program: Directly related to our mission of positive societal change. We need to insure that women and their families have decent, safe and affordable housing. Until these basic needs are addressed, it will be difficult for those in need to focus on other issues, such as education and jobs.

1D SUPPORT Nunez. Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.

This ten billion four hundred sixteen million dollar (\$10,416,000,000) bond issue will provide needed funding to relieve public school overcrowding and to repair older schools. It will improve earthquake safety and fund vocational educational facilities in public schools. Bond funds must be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also be used to repair and upgrade existing public college and university buildings and to build new classrooms to accommodate the growing student enrollment in the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University.

Background Information: The last funding bond act that addressed these issues was in 1998. During this time, the 1998 bond issue has built classrooms to house over 1 million students and has provided upgrades for over 2 million students. This 1998 funding measure provided for generally 50% matching funds with the other funding from local sources. During this time, the requirement for local school bonds passage from two-thirds to 55% has meant that there have been more local funds available, and thus more need for matching funds at the state level. These matching state funds will run out before the 2008 voting period, thus requiring the ballot measure for the 2006 election cycle.

Relationship to AAUW Public Policy Program: Relates to lifelong education K through Higher Education.

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Castro Valley Fall Festival

On a nice fall weekend the residents of Castro Valley gather for the Fall Festival. This year Hayward-Castro Valley Branch was fortunate to have a booth at the festival to make our branch more visible in the community; solicit new members; and hand out information about our various programs.

I want to thank the following members who gave generously of their time to make the event a success: Helene Carr, Charlotte Sladek, Ramona Bennett, Liz Bathgate, Evelyn Gertler, Darlene Scott, Estelle Raderman, Debbie Westcott, Marie McGrath, Lois Peach, Mariah Spriggs-Bruce (and her two boys), Ursula Batz, and Nancy Turner.

We found out that lots of women eligible for AAUW have not heard of our programs. We assertively handed out lots of flyers for our upcoming Breast Health, Breast Cancer forum and talked with a myriad of women and men about AAUW. It was fun, so next time a member calls you to volunteer, say YES!

Linda Slater, President Elect & CV Fall Festival Chair

85 OPPOSE Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Initiative is a Constitutional Amendment. Amends California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minors until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Permits minor to obtain court order waiving notice based on clear and convincing evidence of minor's maturity or best interests. Mandates various reporting requirements, including reports from physicians regarding abortions performed on minors. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation. Requires minor's consent to abortion, with certain exceptions. Permits judicial relief if minor's consent coerced.

Background Information: The California Legislature enacted a parental consent law that was struck down in the Courts in 1997. The California Constitution has an explicit right of privacy clause that the Court determined made the consent law unconstitutional. These initiatives would amend the Constitution to limit a teens right to privacy and circumvent the courts. In November 2005, California voters defeated Prop 73 by a 52.8 to 47.2 margin. Proponents feel that conservatives stayed home in the special election, especially in big conservative counties such as Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. They feel they can win in a general election, so they are back with slightly different versions of Prop 73.

Relationship to AAUW Public Policy Program: AAUW California supports protection of individual choice in determination of ones reproductive life, including the right to privacy. AAUW has an issue brief available on its web site entitled, Minors Access to Reproductive Services that emphasizes AAUWs strong support of confidential access for reproductive health services.

88 SUPPORT Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Provides additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12 by imposing a \$50 tax on each real property parcel; exempts certain elderly and disabled homeowners. Funds must be used for class size reduction, textbooks, school safety, Academic Success facility grants, and a data system to evaluate educational program effectiveness. Provides for reimbursement to government entities to offset anticipated decrease in other tax revenue. Prohibits fund use for school administrative overhead. Requires school district audits and penalties for fund misuse. Excludes funds from Proposition 98 calculations.

Background Information: \$175 million-class size reduction/ \$100 million each to textbooks, school safety/ \$85 million- academic success grants/ \$10 million for evaluation of effectiveness. Property owners 65 years of age or older or disabled would be exempt. The funds are not part of the general fund.

Relationship to AAUW Public Policy Program: Equitable funding for quality public education in preschool through secondary schools that supports individual special needs and talents including programs and services for all students of any culture, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.