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## Upcoming Events

November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Book to Action Panel Discussion on Homelessness and Hunger
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Party/Funds auction for National AAUW Fellowships



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The League of Woman Voters had a most interesting meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. California has adopted Common Core Standards for the future. This will be bringing about huge changes in the way that our children and grandchildren will learn in the public schools. The speakers were Norman Fobert who is a board member in San Lorenzo, Jim Negri the Superintendent of Castro Valley

Schools and Matt Wayne, the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services in Hayward.

All of them talked about the use of computers as the way that the CCSS tests will be conducted. Every student needs to be proficient with the computer. The teaching methods will include much more collaboration between students and will focus on reading and writing strategies. Increased evidence based writing and speaking opportunities will allow students to learn from what they read. Students will **focus more on** reading and writing to learn, paired with an increased amount of talking about what has been learned.

Since Governor Brown signed the bill stopping the Federally mandated testing, new testing will be developed by the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC).

Speaking of Governor Brown, he signed two bills that AAUW had been supporting. The first bill, SB770, expands the definition of family for whom a worker can take paid leave to include a seriously ill sibling, grandparent, grandchild or parent-in-law. The second bill, SB138, protects the personal and sensitive health information of individuals covered under another person's health insurance policy like a partner, spouse or parent.

AAUW is out there fighting for bills in every state and at the National level to make life better for women and girls. We should all be proud of the work that is done on our behalf.

*Liz*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

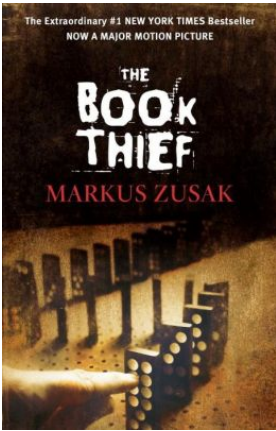
Over the next few months, I will be printing biographies of our new members so everyone will have a chance to know about them when you meet them at meetings. Perhaps you have something in common with them and would like to get in touch. The directories are done and will be handed out at our events. We now have 147 members. ~Liz

**Penny Peck** was the children's librarian at the San Leandro Public Library for 25 years, retiring in 2010. Before that, she was Snow White and Mother Goose at Children's Fairyland in Oakland, ran a nightclub, worked as the wardrobe mistress for the Berkeley Ballet, and was an agent for a standup comedian. She has her Masters in Library Science from San Jose State, and her Bachelor's in American History from Cal State Hayward. Since 2002 she has been a part-time professor at San Jose State University, specializing in classes on children's literature. She has written three books on children's library services, and in 2012 she was elected to the San Lorenzo school board.

**Carol Castagnozzi** graduated from Syracuse University with a BA in English, followed by an MLS from Rutgers University. A Librarian from 1968 To 2005 at Cal state Hayward, she earned an MA in Speech Communication, and took course work in Art history, Public Relations and German while there. Carol has taught high school English as well as Speech and Library and Information Literacy at the collegiate level. She is a library advocate, having played an active fund raising role to generate private gifts to the new Castro Valley library. She also supports conservation causes and organizations promoting the welfare and status of women at home and internationally. A native of northern New York, a lover of all animals, a proud dachshund mother, and an avid gardener she is happiest outdoors, smelling the roses, listening to the sounds of nature and basking in the beauty that California affords. She and her husband, who was born in Germany and is a retired LLNL physicist, enjoy frequent travel to Europe, and less frequently, adventures to further flung locations.

**Mary Jo Knueven** is a retired Nurse Practitioner from the University Health Service at UC Berkeley. She helped provide health care to 33,000 students while they were at the University, as well as served the faculty and staff. She ran a program at the University called the Menopause Series for about 5 years. Mary Jo retired in 2005 and has volunteered with regular programs since then, but is now focused on options for Seniors to live a full life in a safe environment. She strongly believes in fun, regular exercise as an investment in her financial and physical future. And performs water aerobics twice a week, line dancing once a week and square dances at the Elk's Club on Thursdays in Alameda.

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.



## Happy Reading...

The next meeting of the branch book group will be on Monday afternoon, November 18, from 2-4 p.m. at the San Leandro home of Jean Turner, 3422 Del Campo Circle. Brenda Senturia will review the 2007 best-selling novel, *The Book Thief* by Australian writer Markus Zusak.

All branch members are welcome to join an afternoon of good friends and good books. Refreshments will be served.

If you have questions or need directions to Jean's home, please call her at 408-505-9716.

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## LADIES, GET YOUR BUNCO ON!!!

The next Bunco party will be at Jean Turner's home on Nov 8 at 6:30 PM. There's lots of time before Thanksgiving on Nov.28. The address is: 3422 Del Campo Circle, San Leandro.

Just call Dee Donaldson at 538=3415 and tell her what you're bringing--appetizer or dessert'



This is the last time to bring an item for our tea basket for the Holiday Party on Dec. 8. We need a package of tea or a pack of cookies. Dee Butner is hoping that some of you might have a basket not being used, so bring that, too.

Directions from Hatyard: Drive north on Hesperian, Left on Halcyon, cross Washington and it becomes Floresta, Right on Del Monte,, Left on Portola, Right on Del Campo, then to 3422 Del Campo Circle.

Directions from Castro Valley: Take Lake Chabot Rd. over the hill and it becomes Fairmont Road. Cross E. 14th and it becomes Halcyon, cross Washington which becomes Floresta, Right on Del Monte, Left on Portola, Right on Del Campo, then to 3422 Del Campo Circle..

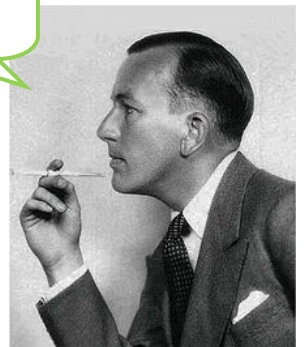
You must bring five \$1 bills which become prizes for most wins, most Buncos, and most losses. We all have a lot of fun!

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## DRAMA READING for November:

We will be reading Noel Cowards' play "Nude with Violin". It is a light comedy of manners. The play is Cowards' satire on modern art, criticism, artistic pretension and the value placed on art. We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 22112 Queen Street, Castro Valley on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome to come.

Helloooo  
Handsome!!





## You had me at Chocolate!

Calling all branch members who would enjoy a morning of shopping at the East Bay's premier chocolate factory followed by lunch! We're planning a return trip to enjoy pre holiday shopping on Wednesday morning, December 4th at the Rachel Dunn Chocolate Factory, 1021 Detroit Avenue in Concord.

Members who went to the Rachel Dunn Chocolate Factory last March will testify to the delicious pleasures we all enjoyed as we sampled and bought special treats. If you would like to join us for the return visit, please contact Barbara Jones at 538-0516 or at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Those interested in carpooling should meet at the home of Liz Bathgate, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley at 9:30 a.m.



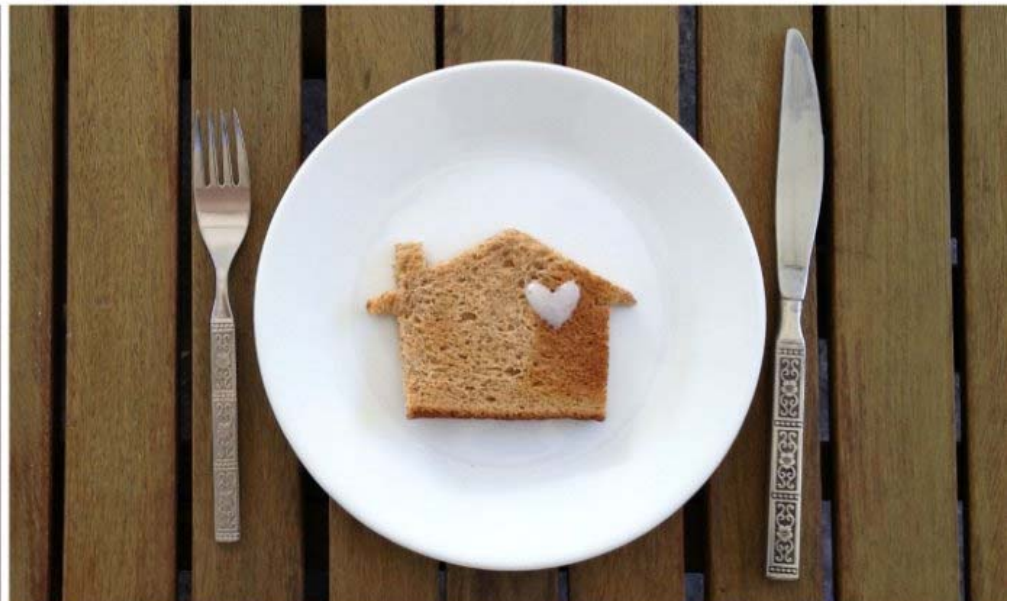
Come join the fun, sample delicious treats, buy special holiday gifts for family and friends, and enjoy a delightful outing with AAUW friends. (Barbara Jones)

## You Have a Place at the Table

Book to Action: Ending Hunger and Homelessness in Hayward

The Hayward Task Force to End Hunger and Homelessness invites you to discuss this issue with guest speakers and fellow community members. Get inspired to take concrete action to end crisis, decrease waste, and increase stability in your community. Help end hunger and homelessness locally through lessons learned in *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle and local programs. The answers are within our reach. Take simple actions to make lasting change.

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Saturday, November 16th 1pm - 4pm  
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Task Force to End Hunger and Homelessness in Hayward, Friends of the Hayward Library, Hayward Chamber of Commerce, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, Hayward Public Library, Eden Area League of Women Voters, South Hayward Parish, Hayward/Castro Valley AAUW, Opportunity and Freedom, The Chabot College Puente Project, and Hayward City Councilman Francisco Zemeño