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DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 2 & 3 - Drama Reading begins
- October 4 - "Pete 'n' Keely." Musical/Comedy at CCT
- October 7 - Discussion: of recent policies in Washington DC
- October 15 - Book Review Group 2:00 - 4:00pm
- October 20 - Walk-a-thon 10:00am - 1:00pm, Garin Regional Park
- October 21 - AAUW Educational Foundation Fellows Luncheon
- October 25 - Hayward Volunteer Dinner, Centennial Hall
- October 26 - Immigration: Facts & Myths
- November 10 - Cabernet & Chocolate 7 - 9 p.m.

AAUW Public Policy Director In Alameda

On **October 7th**, Lisa Maatz, the AAUW Director of Public Policy and Governmental Relations and Interim Director of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, will speak at a workshop sponsored by the Alameda County Interbranch Council of AAUW.

As AAUW's top policy adviser, **Lisa Maatz** will discuss how she works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, through the executive branch, and in coalition with other organizations. Maatz has done similar work for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Older Women's League, and was a legislative aide to U.S. Congresswoman **Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)**. **Maatz's areas of expertise include gender equity in education, Title IX, retirement security, pay equity, and other civil rights issues related to women and girls. Her presentation will focus on Title IX, pay equity, abortion rights and hot topics from the "Hill."** She will also discuss how AAUW's public policy work is implemented, and how that work is driven by AAUW's mission through our member-adopted public policy program.

This event will be held on **October 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.** at the new Alameda Library, 1550 Oak Street (parallels Park Street - central Alameda). **Parking is free. Attendance donation will be \$5**

This is an opportunity to meet one of the top Association people and hear directly about her interaction with Capitol Hill. **Let's have a large showing at this important event.**

For those who wish to go out to lunch, in Alameda before the event, call Liz Bathgate 581-0461.

President's Message – Linda Slater

Well Branch members, October is going to be a busy month for our Branch. During the month we have a bevy of activities to lure you out of hearth and home and join fellow members for:

MUSIC: The musical comedy "Pete n' Keely" - California Conservatory Theater in San Leandro- Thursday, October 4th, 8 PM - fundraiser for Tech Trek

EDUCATION: Lisa Maatz, AAUW National Public Policy Speaker Event - Alameda Library - Sunday, October 7th from 2-4 PM

FOOD: Chevy's at Bay Fair in San Leandro - fundraiser for Tech Trek - Tuesday, October 9th, all day

EXERCISE: Walk-a-thon - fundraiser for Educational Foundation (EF) - Saturday, October 20th, 10-1 PM at Garin Park in Union City

CELEBRATION: City of Hayward Volunteer Dinner - Thursday, October 25th, 6:30 PM honoring member Beverly Stoermer as a "Pearl of Hayward".

SOCIAL AWARENESS: League of Women Voters Forum on Immigration, Friday, October 26th from 12-2 PM in San Leandro Public Library.

Please check your Shareline for more information on each of these terrific events.

Your Board is working hard to bring you lots of activities that appeal to a broad range of interests and tastes by collaborating with other like minded organizations and thinking outside the box when it comes to fundraising. I hope you will all be able to come out for any and all of these interesting and fun events.

On another note, if you were unable to join us for our Annual Membership Event and Potluck, we missed you! The Branch budget was presented and passed, and those in attendance we're given their new PY 2007-08 Branch Directories. For the rest of you, they are on their way. Look for them in the mail in the next couple of weeks. Please contact me via email at <mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net>slaterl@sbcglobal.net if you require any changes or corrections.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Linda Slater
Branch President

Events are possible only through the support and work of many volunteers. Please consider offering your time and talent to support these worthy programs.

Dining Fundraisers

The next dining fundraisers will be at the following restaurants; the proceeds from those meals will be added to our **scholarship/Tech Trek funds**. The percentage we get from those meals are as follows:

Tuesday, October 9, Chevy's Fresh Mex in Bayfair Mall, San Leandro, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. We will earn 25% of the money spent.

Monday, November 5, Mimi's Cafe at 24542 Hesperian Blvd., located in front of Southland Mall near Southland Drive, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mimi's will donate 10% from each sale. Tuesday, December 11th, Fresh Choice at Stoneridge Mall, between Macys for Men and J.C. Penney, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. We will get 15% from each sale.

Dining offers after the first of the year will be announced in a future *Shareline*.

Special note: for the branch to get credit for each sale, diners must present a special flyer to the waitperson/cashier at the time you are served. Flyers for the three above events can be obtained from Barbara Jones. Read the flyers carefully, note the day, date, time and any special instructions given by the restaurant. Most restaurants request one flyer per customer bill.

PETE'N KEELY Ticket Sales

As of September 24, only 21 tickets to "Pete 'N' Keely" have been sold, which means that there will be 46 empty seats at our benefit performance on October 4 unless more AAUW members buy tickets. A benefit performance has always been a major fundraiser for Tech Trek, but our goal of providing scholarships for six girls next year won't be reached, perhaps not even for four girls, without some quick decisions and check writing on your part.

If you like popular music of the past, you'll enjoy hearing the music in "Pete 'N' Keely." A few songs were written for this show, but you'll recognize most of the songs because they were popular years ago: "Besame Mucho," "Lover," "Secret Love," "Fever," "Black Coffee," and others, which were made hits by stars such as Peggy Lee and Doris Day. If you've attended other musicals produced by California Conservatory Theatre, then you'll recognize Ron Pickett—who was in *Smoky Joe's Café*, *Dames at Sea*, *Forever Plaid*, and Diana Torres Koss—who appeared in *Radio Gals*, *Lucky Stiff*, *Chaps*, and other CCT shows. Their star quality makes a performance of *Pete 'N' Keely* memorable as well. Ruth knows, because she was in the audience over a week ago.

The description of the plot you read previously may not have appealed to you—the brief TV reunion of a couple who had been America's Swingin' Sweethearts on TV, a hit in Las Vegas, and at the top of the Hit Parade, but *Pete 'N' Keely* has unexpected humor and a happy ending. So that this major fundraising event can also have a happy ending, please buy tickets without delay. Make out your check to AAUW – Hayward/Castro Valley, and send it to Ruth Kuffin, 17219 Via del Rey, San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2734. Your tickets will be mailed within 48 hours after Ruth receives your check. If you have any questions, phone Ruth at (510) 276-0601, or e-mail her at rekuftin@comcast.net.

Linda Slater will be at the theater door to sell tickets, just before the show.

**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)



Drama Reading:

We now have two groups reading the same play at different times. You can take your pick of an evening or an afternoon reading. The October play will be **Three Tall Women by Edward Albee**. The afternoon group will meet at the Green Shutter Art Gallery at 1:30pm on Tuesday October 2. Call Peggy Robinson for more information on this group. The evening group will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 7:00pm on Wednesday October 3rd. The cost of coming is \$1.00 to pay for the postage and procurement of the plays. Come and enjoy a great social gathering and make new friends.

Book Review Group

The first Book Review Group meeting of the new year will be held on Monday afternoon, October 15, from 2-4 at the home of Carol Lauritzen, 3280 East Avenue, Hayward. The reviewer will be Mathilde Schmidt who will review **Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton**. A warm invitation is extended to any branch member who would like to join our afternoons of good books and friendship. If you have questions, call Barbara Jones, 538.0516. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Member News

Please welcome our **new member N. R (Jeanie) Schultz**. Jeanie lives at 28408 Granada Circle, Hayward. Her phone number is 510-784-1997. She has a BA degree in journalism. Please update your directory.

On September 1st, **Trish Taylor's** son, **Benjamin** married **Catherine Cvengros** at a ceremony, with a Scottish flavour, in Santa Rosa.

Sadly, **Alexandra Jacobs** passed away on August 21st. Our sympathy goes to her husband Paul Fischer.

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 :bb_jones@pacbell.net Lets let our friends know we care.

Sweet Fund Raiser

Here's a holiday gift idea you can purchase at 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. Get started on your holiday shopping.

Gift certificates will be available at **all branch events**, or you can contact **Evelyn Gertler at 538.0122 or eviolinist@aol.com; Peggy Robinson at 728,0450; or Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or bb_jones@pacbell.net**.

Immigration: Facts and Myths,

A public forum for discussing the interplay of needs of personal lives and businesses, individuals and the nation, will be hosted by League of Women Voters Eden Area, in cooperation with the American Association of University Women, on **Friday, October 26th, 12:00 noon, at the San Leandro Library**. Three experts will speak briefly, followed by Q & A from the public. Speakers from the world of business, social services and law are being invited. Lunch will be available. RSVP to Trish Taylor—510-886-1711.

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HAYWARD VOLUNTEER DINNER - OUR PEARL BEVERLY STOERMER

This year our branch was asked to nominate a **special member as our Pearl. Beverly Stoermer** was chosen. She is a retired teacher whose interests ranged from being a reading specialist to serving on the Board of the Emergency Shelter Program.

In the AAUW she lent her flare for organization and leadership serving with Jeannette Burt as Co-President of our branch. She chaired several committees on the board and under her chairmanship the branch co-sponsored a Woman to Woman Summit where women from diverse organizations in Hayward came together to discuss common problems and find some solutions from their day together. She also chaired a Women's Health Fair, co-sponsored by Eden Hospital, which was open to women from the surrounding communities to learn about various health related topics. In our diverse community, she has truly worked to reach out to those whom she did not know so that she would better understand the richness of our community.

Beverly will be honored at the Hayward Volunteer Dinner to be held at Centennial Hall on Thursday October 25th. We will have an AAUW table or two so that we all may honor this wonderful member of our branch. The cost of the dinner is \$30.00. To sign up, send a check made out to Hayward Volunteer Dinner to Gail Steele's Office at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612 Suite 536. There will be a reception starting at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm.

If you want to carpool, call **Liz Bathgate**.

The American Association of University Women - California Education Foundation Committee invites you and friends to a **Celebration Luncheon** honoring the 2007-08 Educational Foundation Fellows and Grant Recipients Studying in California.

October 21, 2007, 12:30 - 3:00 PM
Michael's At Shoreline
2960 Shoreline Bl, Mountain View, CA

Cost is \$30.00

RSVP Deadline: October 9th

Menu Choices include: Papaya stuffed with chicken salad, Shrimp Louie salad, and Pasta Primavera salad on greens. Send your reservation, and menu choice with check payable to AAUW CA:

Address is: AAUW CA, PO Box 160067, Sacramento CA 95816-0067

Carpooling will be set up by Linda Slater. Call her, if you will be attending.

Cabernet and Chocolate

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.

The cost is \$20 per person. Make out your check to AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley. Additional donations to the Legal Advocacy Fund are also welcome. Please make these tax deductible checks out to AAUW LAF.

As always, our members will be making wonderful chocolate and other desserts to accompany the wines the branch is providing.

In addition there will be coffee and tea and some fresh fruit platters.

We look forward to a wonderful evening of music, wine and chocolate and renewed friendships.

Please fill in the form below and mail it to Linda Slater at 26 Via Verde, San Lorenzo 94580 by November 2.

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Cabernet and Chocolate Reservation Form

Name (s) _____

@ \$20/person \$ _____

I will bring the following dessert _____

Additional tax deductible donation to AAUW LAF \$ _____

It's not too late to join the WALK-A-THON!
The first 20 walkers to sign-up will get a free pedometer!

WALK TOGETHER and PICNIC TOO
BECAUSE EDUCATION MATTERS

October 20.....10 am – 1 pm

Garin Regional Park

Participation fee: \$10.00 per walker
Sponsorship: \$5.00 suggested minimum

Our goal is \$1,000 this year, so sign-up as many sponsors as you can! Or adopt a walker if you can't join us and get sponsors on her behalf. Or bring a friend as a walking partner. Or donate to the EF if you can't otherwise participate.

Please have all checks made payable to **AAUW – EF** so that contributions can be tax deductible. Remember, the contributions go to the heart of AAUW, the Education Foundation, which, among other things, is the world's largest source of funds for graduate women. Send checks to Bonnie Smith, 571 Blue Jay Dr., Hayward, CA 94544 – 6701, or bring them with you to the walk-a-thon.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share at the picnic after the walk. Water and sodas will be provided. There'll be little fun prizes too for the person who signed-up the most sponsors, who brought in the most money, who was the most energetic walker, and three others.

Garin Park is located in the hills of south Hayward. From Mission Blvd., turn east onto Garin Ave. and wind your way up the hill to the top. At the kiosk tell the attendant you are with the AAUW group and he'll direct you to our site; ask for a map. There's a \$5 parking fee, so carpooling is suggested.

For more information and to sign up please contact Bonnie at (510)581-6747 or mzzboo@sbcglobal.net. She'll send you a sponsor sign-up sheet and an EF informational flyer to show prospective sponsors.

WHAT DOES OUR NATIONAL AAUW ORGANIZATION DO?

In an article about Pay Equity which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle Sunday September 2nd the following was stated!

“ A study this spring by the American Association of University Women shows that differences in pay between men and women show up right away: only one year after college graduation, women earn 20% less than their male counterparts. Within 10 years, the gap expands to 31%. And the gap exists even when women have the same degrees, majors and careers as men. Even after adjusting for parenthood, choice of field, hours worked and the like, a quarter of the gap remained – inexplicable, the AAUW suggested but for sex discrimination”.

This is but one of the studies conducted by AAUW which concern women in our country. Our National organization has done many studies of girls and women in school as well as in the workplace so that this information can be brought to the public's attention. We all need to support their efforts to see that women are not left behind!

Liz Bathgate

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