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AAUW - HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

APRIL 2013

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YOU ARE INVITED . . .

tech
trek

To a potluck picnic hosted by your Tech Trek Committee to meet the girls who will be going to camp at Sonoma State University from June 23rd to June 29th.

Bring a picnic main dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share. We'll provide plates, cutlery, napkins and soft drinks. We need lots of main dishes for these hungry teenagers!

- Who:** 2013 Tech Trekkers and all of the H/CV members
- When:** May 18, 2013
- Time:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm
(with a presentation by a naturalist at 1:00)
- Where:** Sulphur Creek Nature Center
1801 D Street, Hayward
- RSVP:** Judy Harrison, 510-889-1431, cell: 510-388-1423
Email: jharrison663@comcast.net

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 5 YOUNG LADIES UNDER THE
TECH TREK SECTION IN THIS MONTH'S SHARELINE.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past month has held a number of fun events that we all were able to enjoy.

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The Chocolate Factory tour was truly a gourmet delight with nearly every confection that they made available for tasting. We all wandered around the shop trying everything and marveling at some very unique combinations of flavors. We then were able to watch caramel corn being produced and some of it literally splattered with chocolate thrown from a bowl onto the caramel corn on the steel table. We tasted a number of centers that would later be covered with chocolate and watched as truffles were scooped out of a container with a small ice-cream scoop so that they would all be uniform. It truly was a delight to the palate.

The Souper Supper was a tremendous success. We filled the room with 8 tables of members, parents and Tech Trek girls. We had 5 girls attend and had a chance to hear from one who is now a senior in high school and looking for a good school so she can become a marine biologist. The girls who are now in the 8th grade talked about how this experience was so important to them, but hearing from their parents about how it really has changed their daughters was extraordinary. These girls have gained self-confidence and have ventured into uncharted territory and expanded their horizons a lot since camp. The evening was organized by Dee Butner, Judy Harrison and their very able committee. Our wonderful cooks brought very tasty food that was enjoyed by all. It truly was the highlight of this year! One of our guests for the supper was Kat Braeman whose daughter is Elizabeth Kristen, a lawyer for the Legal Aid Society who led our Title IX event two years ago. Kat is running for AAUW Director nationally. She was appointed to the board two years ago and is now running for one of the open seats.

Speaking of elections, we all have a vote on both state and national elections. Both will be coming up in April and May. Our own Helene Carr is running for Director here in California. She has been on the board for the past two years and has been working to develop the leader on loan program that connects speakers to branches and Inter Branch Councils to increase AAUW visibility throughout the state. Be sure to follow any voting directions you receive since everyone has a vote!

Liz Bathgate

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DRAMA READING

Wednesday, April 3rd

@ 7pm

581-0461

We meet at Liz Bathgate's home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley.

The play this month is *Wuthering Heights*, a novel written by Emily Bronte in 1845-46 and is a tale of love and revenge on the Yorkshire moors. It looks like it will have some heated script to read and should be great fun.

We always enjoy a social time before reading and while having tea and cookies at intermission.

BOARD MEETING

April 9th @ 6:30pm

At Liz Bathgate's home

581-0461

BOOK REVIEW

Monday, April 15th

2pm – 4pm

We'll meet at the Castro Valley home of Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way. Barbara Jones will review the bestselling autobiography *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. The third woman, first Latino to be appointed Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Justice Sotomayor has written a brilliant account of her early life in the Bronx, her Puerto Rican family and her rise to the highest court in the land.

All branch members are encouraged to join the afternoon of good conversation and books with special friends. Refreshments will be served.

If you have questions or need directions, please call Dee at 537-8541.

DINING OUT

Monday, April 15th
@ 6pm

SHARK SHACK

871 B Street, Hayward (close to City Hall)

881-9969

This Mexican / Seafood Restaurant was a popular choice the last time we ate there so let's do it again! Please let me know if you are joining us.

I'd like to give the restaurant a count so they can set up tables for us.

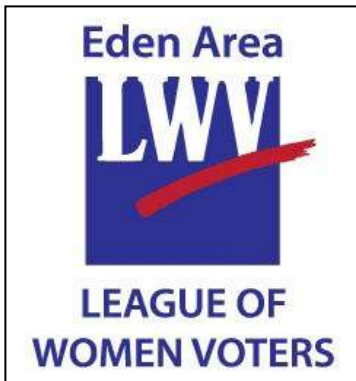
Please contact me ASAP sandyboswell@rocketmail.com or cell # 510 909-5466

Hayward Restaurant Walk

Thursday, April 18th

The cost is \$20.00 and the money goes to the Friends of the Library for their Homework Centers and for the Chamber's Leadership Program. Tickets can be purchased at the Hayward Library.

The Taste of Hayward will take place later in the year.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, April 19, 2013

5:30 to 7:30 pm

Hayward City Hall

Meet Your Elected Officials

Invited Elected officials include:

Congressional, State Senate and Assembly Districts, Hayward and San Leandro City Councils, Alameda County Supervisors, School Board members from Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo, AC Transit, BART, HARD, Castro Valley and Oro Loma Sanitary District Board of Directors.

Here is your chance to get “up close and personal” with your elected officials in an informal setting. We are fortunate that most of our elected officials attend this event —

Let’s make the most of their valuable time!

CA-AAUW ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 20th

This meeting will take place at the state capitol in Sacramento.

It is a one-day meeting starting at 9:30 and finishing at 4:00. The theme is Celebrating your past and Building our Legacy.

The cost will be \$65 and includes a box lunch and the Speech Trek Finals. If you want to attend, go to www.aauw-ca.org and sign up on line.

So far Liz Bathgate, Ursula Batz and Helene Carr will be attending. If you want more information, call Liz at 581-0461.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Saturday, April 27th

@ 2PM

Once again the Hayward/Castro Valley AAUW branch is pleased to co-sponsor a special author program at the Hayward Public Library, 835 C Street, Hayward, in the upstairs meeting room.

There will be a Skype discussion with Georgia-based Janisse Ray, author of the library's featured Seed Read selection, *The Seed Underground: A Growing Revolution to Save Food*. This is an important and enlightening book about the environmental necessity of maintaining a healthy variety of plant seeds. The Hayward Library is promoting this program as a tie-in to launch their Seed Lending Library.

We have been asked to provide refreshments for the program. If you will bring cookies, fruit, or other goodies for the attendees, please contact Barbara Jones at 538-0516 or by email at bb_jones@pacbell.net.

On June 15th, Amy Franklin-Willis will discuss her debut novel "Lost Saints of Tennessee". She is a woman from the Bay Area.

TOUR OF TAO HOUSE

Friday, April 26th

@ 10:00 am

Two years ago I promised a trip to Tao House followed by lunch in Danville.

I have made reservations for 10 people, so you need to call me as soon as possible if you are interested, 510-581-0461.

The tour is free so our only cost would be lunch.

Thanks, Liz

BUNCO

Friday, May 17th

@ 6:30pm

NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST BUNCO BEFORE SUMMER

Location: Olive Riley-Steward, 32174 Bernice Way, Hayward

Directions: From Foothill Blvd. make a slight left at Mission Blvd. Drive south on Mission Blvd. and drive about 11 minutes. Turn left at Blanche St. (Eiffel Tower Preschool.) Drive 1 minute then turn right at Trevor St. (Kindango School.) Drive less than a minute. Turn left at Bernice Way.

RSVP: Dee Butner (510) 537-8541 or Dee Donaldson (510) 538-3415 by May 10th

We enjoy having new players come. It is a very simple game to learn. We need a total of 12 players. We have a pre-game meal of appetizers, desserts and wine or regular drinks. When you RSVP we will ask what you can bring.

We like the players to be on time so that the evening will end at a reasonable hour. Please bring \$5 in \$1 increments. This is a great way to meet new people.

FUN- FOOD-MONEY PRIZES

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm for Bunco this year. We will meet again in the Fall.

TECH TREK

2013 Tech Trek Campers Selected

Five girls from the four school districts within our branch have been selected for \$900 scholarships to Tech Trek Science and Math Camp at Sonoma State from June 23rd to June 29th.

Thanks to the estate of Bonnie Smith we are able to send these 5 girls to camp this year.

They are:

Joselyn Franco, Bret Harte Middle School, Hayward. Joselyn is a first time camper and wants to be a pediatrician when she grows up.

Yasamin Obaidy, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward. Yasamin is a teacher's assistant and wants to be either a doctor or a scientist in ten years.

Jenna Pierre, John Muir Middle School, San Leandro. Jenna is a softball player and cheerleader and wants to go into criminal justice or forensics.

Monticia Scott, Creekside Middle School. Monticia is the 3rd best high jumper in the U.S. for her age and sings in the school choir. She wants to be a veterinarian.

Kimberly Deodanes-Vaca, Edendale Middle School. Kimberly is involved with Tech Path and the Science Alliance at her school and wants to be a pediatrician.

The committee received over 30 applications and had the agonizing job of narrowing down the field to five girls and one alternate. It was a heart-wrenching task-we all wished we could send every girl who applied to camp. This was an especially impressive group of applicants who made our job even harder.

MEMBER NEWS

Berna Neumiller is having ankle fusion surgery on Tuesday, April 9, at Kaiser Fremont. She'll be in rehab for a time before returning home. Her many AAUW friends wish Berna a speedy recovery. May she soon be enjoying her long hikes and many activities once more.

Betty Spees is in Connecticut and has had a portion of her kidney removed because it was cancerous. She is doing well.

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. Let's let our friends know we care.

MEMBERSHIP

This is the time of year when your friends can join our branch for \$80 and their membership will last until June of 2014. At the Souper Supper Connie Rusk brought her friend Jacquelyn who has expressed interest in joining. I also recruited the mother of one of the Tech Trek girls. When women see how important our organization is to girls and women locally as well as nationally, they become interested in becoming a member. This takes a little effort on your part to speak to your friends about our group and let them know that AAUW is the premier organization for advancing equity and education for all girls and women. Please call me with their names and I will follow up with a contact and more information about us.

Liz

AAUW CALIFORNIA STATE VOTING

Before the election go to www.aauw-ca.org to become informed about the candidates on this year's ballot. Voting will take place from April 21st - May 11th.

Each member in good standing will receive an AAUW CA ballot in an email message with a personal voting access code. Just click on the link and follow the instructions. The candidates name has a link to their bio, if you are not sure of whom to vote for.

Members without an email address will receive a postcard in the mail and will need to fill it out and return it before May 11th.

The candidates were listed in the CA Prospective. Any new nominations from the floor at the April 20th Annual Meeting will also appear on the ballot.

We encourage all members to take advantage of this one member-one vote system that was passed a couple of years ago.