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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4 – Rigatoni Fundraiser
September 15- Annual membership luncheon, 11:30amC– 2:30pm
October 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
October 20 – Walk-a-thon
October 21 – AAUW Educational Foundation Fellows Luncheon

AAUW HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

We are going to start our new year with a potluck luncheon on **September 15, 2007, at the Eden Church of Christ, corner of Birch and Grove Way in Hayward.**

Our get-together will be from **11:30 to 2:30 pm.** More information will be mailed out during the week of August 27th.

September 15 - mark your calendar for this special event — come and sit with your friends – meet new members and hear the activities planned by our committees.

DIRECTIONS:

From Castro Valley: take Castro Valley Blvd. towards Hayward, turn left on Foothill, right on Grove, right on Birch. From Hayward; Take Mission Blvd. to Grove, right on Grove, left into Birch. From Oakland: take 580 North (towards Hayward) take Hayward/Castro Valley exit, continue to Grove (Walgreen on right side) turn on Grove and proceed to Birch, right on Birch. From Fremont: take 880 north exit Jackson Street, continue to Mission, left on Mission to Grove (5 lights) right on Grove, left into Birch Street

Pease call if you have any questions. (510) 278-5836.

Erica Campisi
Membership VP

President's Message – Linda Slater

Program year 2007-08 is off to a great start! The Board held a productive strategic planning meeting, with 15 members in attendance, and is continuing to meet to:

1. Finalize our program planning for fundraisers and member events; and
2. Prepare for our upcoming annual Membership Event. The event will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 11:30- 1:00 at the Eden United Church of Christ in Hayward. See the article in this month's Shareline, and look for a flyer in your mail box in the following weeks.

I hope all of you will be able to come out to this fun potluck event. It will be an opportunity to review and ratify our Board budget; meet the new Board members; hear about upcoming member events and fundraisers; learn more about our target programs like Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, Educational Foundation, and Legal Advocacy Fund; and just socialize with fellow members.

This month I'm highlighting Women's Equality Day on Monday, August 27th.

This day is set aside to celebrate women's right to vote. Over the years, the vote has gained women many advantages. But not enough! Women are still under represented in higher academic fields. Women are still discriminated against for academic promotion. Women still earn less than their male counterparts.

We want to work towards AAUW's mission to promote equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change, several Branch events are coming up on the horizon that I know you'll enjoy and help the branch raise awareness about educational inequities and the need to encourage young women to enter into higher academic fields like science and math.

On 9/4/07, a evening fundraiser for Tech Trek at Rigatoni's in Castro Valley
On 10/4/07, an evening fundraiser for Tech Trek in San Leandro at the Community Theater's comedy musical production of "Pete and Keely".
On 10/20/07, a daytime fundraiser for Educational Foundation, a Walk-a-Thon at Garin Park in Union City.

We need to be sure to ask friends, neighbors, family members, and co-workers to attend, as these important fundraisers are open to the general public. Mark your calendars now, and look for other fun and profitable programs in the future. You can always view the Branch calendar of events at our website:

<http://aauw-hcv.org/>

Finally, a call to arms. These events are possible only through the support and work of many volunteers. Please consider offering your time and talent to support these worthy programs. If you want to support a particular program, like Tech Trek or Educational Foundation, please call the Program VP for ideas on volunteer opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events. Come celebrate!

**Your President,
Linda Slater**

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Dining Fundraisers

A new approach for branch fundraising is offered to all members, families, and friends. Starting in September, we will have a restaurant and a date selected for your dining pleasure. When you dine, the branch will receive a check from corporate headquarters with a percentage from each check. The amount we will earn varies with the restaurant, from 10% - 25%. Watch your **SHARELINE** for the names of restaurants and dates.

Peggy Robinson has set us up with the first restaurant. Eat lunch or dinner at **Rigatoni's in Castro Village at 20680 Rustic Drive on September 4th.** When we let them know by signing AAUW on our bill, their parent company will donate 20% of your bill to our branch. You can make it a special day by inviting your neighbors, friends and family to enjoy a great meal and make money for us besides! Be sure and write AAUW on the back of your check at the restaurant when you turn it in and our branch will have had a tasty and easy fundraiser. Prices range from \$3.99 for children to from \$5.99-9.99 for adults.

Do A Good Deed By Having A Good Time With PETE N KEELY

This year again California Conservatory Theatre is starting their new season with a musical comedy, and on Thursday, October 4, we will be able to see a dedicated performance of *Pete 'N' Keely*. Never heard of it? Well, that's because this show had its world premiere in Massachusetts in 2000, and then was performed off-Broadway. It takes us back to 1968 and features a couple who had been America's Singin' Sweethearts on TV, a hit in Las Vegas, and at the top of the hit parade. After not speaking for five years following their divorce, they reunite for a live television event, audience members become the studio audience for that event, and as one reviewer stated, "viewers can vicariously experience the roller coaster ride that was their marriage." As the plot progresses, we'll hear popular songs of the era as well as songs written specifically for the show.

Audiences and reviewers alike loved this musical comedy. Critic Rex Reed wrote in *The New York Observer*, "brightest, happiest, and most entertaining show in town." John Simon said, in *New York Magazine*, "Stylishness and charm few Broadway musicals can begin to match." You don't care what critics say? Then buy a ticket and decide for yourself. **All tickets are only \$20, and as in the past, you'll be doing a good deed by helping Tech Trek as well as ensuring that you have a truly enjoyable evening.** Tickets will be available at our annual potluck membership event on Saturday, September 15. If you can't be there, send a check to Ruth Kuffin, and she will send you as many tickets as you want.

**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:

On October 3, drama reading resumes. We get together at Liz Bathgate's home to read a play. These come to us each month thru a network of AAUW branches. The date is always the first Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00pm. It is a fun evening and we never know what the play will be like until we get thru. Refreshments are served at the end of the first act and we all enjoy sitting and talking about whatever is new in our lives. If you like to read plays, you would enjoy our group. Call Liz for directions at 581-0461.

Book Review Group

Each month, except December, a member gives a review of a book she has enjoyed and wishes to share with others. **The first Book Review** of the new year will be Monday, October 15, 2-4 pm, at the **home of Carol Lauritzen, 3280 East Avenue, Hayward**. The reviewer on the 15th will be Mathilde Schmidt. She will discuss the classic novel **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 about the group, call chairperson, Barbara Jones at: 358.0516.**

Member News

Alexandra Jacobs is seriously ill with pancreatic cancer and is in hospice care. Our concern and support go to Alexandra and her family.

Former branch member **Joyce Briggs** recently lost her daughter. Our sympathy to Joyce, her husband Jim, and their family.

Ursula Batz is recuperating comfortably at home after recent foot surgery. She'll soon be back into her many activities with her usual gusto.

Mary Krieg had surgery at Kaiser hospital in Fremont on August 24th. Our warmest wishes to Mary for a speedy recovery.

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.

Entertainment Books to Benefit E.F.

Entertainment 2008 books will be available at the September 15 Membership luncheon. The luncheon will be held at Eden Church, 11:30-2:30 PM. This year the price remains at \$25.00 each for the Greater E. Bay edition.

Consider your family and friends in other locations as the books are available for almost any major city, coast to coast as well as Hawaii and Alaska! Your support will greatly benefit the Educational Foundation.

Betty Lucchesi & Joyce Morrison

**The American Association
of University Women**

Oakland-Piedmont Branch
in conjunction with Branches from
Alameda, Fremont, Hayward - Castro Valley, and
Livermore – Pleasanton - Dublin
Proudly Presents

Lisa Maatz

Director of Public Policy and Government Relations
for the American Association of University Women

As AAUW's top policy adviser, Lisa advances AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, through the executive branch, and in coalition with other organizations. Her areas of expertise include gender equity in education, Title IX, retirement security, pay equity, and other civil rights issues related to women and girls.

**Hear how recent actions in Washington DC affect
you and your family ...**

Pay Equity in Jobs

The Supreme Court and the Federal Ban on Abortion

The State of Title IX and More

Sunday, October 7, 2007 2:00-4:00 PM

\$5.00 donation requested at the door

Community Meeting Room, Alameda Main Library
(a must-see, state-of-the art green library)

1500 Oak Street [near Park St., Alameda, CA]

free lot and street parking available

directions to the event will be in the October edition

carpooling is strongly recommended

This community forum is proudly co-sponsored by
National Women's Political Caucus-Alameda North

RSVP by October 4th: 510-521-7392 or drdeb4@sbcglobal.net

International Interest

– find out more at www.vgif.org

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) was founded in 1969 by eleven members of the [International Federation of University Women](#). Initially, the Fund assisted women college graduates - particularly in low per capita income countries - to identify and implement solutions to a variety of problems confronting their nations. Grants of small amounts of money were awarded in aid for educational projects and other community development projects affecting the condition of women and girls. Within a decade, the Fund broadened its original purpose and began to encompass projects beyond those narrowly aimed at university women and to utilize a variety of conduits for aid.

The Fund to date has awarded more than 250 grants for a total project aid disbursement of over \$1 million USD to women's groups in low per capita income countries. Priority is given to income generation and community development projects which enhance and utilize women's educational, vocational, and leadership skills. Project activities range from seminars, conferences, and training workshops to community-action projects.

With [NGO consultative status at the UN](#), VGIF has more than 1,000 members worldwide who generously support the Fund's mission with their annual donations and planned or estate gifts. The 29 member volunteer board, broadly international in scope, serves at its own expense.

VGIF is named in honor of [Virginia Gildersleeve](#), a noted leader in women's education and Dean of Barnard College. Gildersleeve was a co-founder and twice President of the [International Federation of University Women](#). She was the only woman appointed by President Franklin Roosevelt to the US Delegation that established the United Nations and the first woman in the United States to sign a United States treaty.

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.

**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

Lace up a pair of comfortable shoes, pack a picnic basket with a tasty salad or dessert, and join fellow AAUW members for a fun, healthy walkathon and potluck lunch in Garin Park to raise funds for the Education Foundation. Ask family, friends, co-workers, employers, business associates, fellow students, educators, co-worshippers, owners of frequented businesses to sponsor you.

Garin Park offers a variety of walking experiences – choose your own level of enjoyment -- stroll, walk, hike, on the flat, in the hills. Ask your sponsors to pay a suggested minimum of \$5.00 for you to complete your chosen course. And why not come with a walking partner, who would add another \$10.00 to the pot.

For members who won't be participating walkathoners, we urge you to adopt a walker (real or imagined) and solicit sponsors on her behalf. Or, of course a plain 'ol donation will also say you support the Education Foundation's goals.

Whichever way you choose to contribute, we can reach our goal of \$1,000.00!

For more information and to sign up please contact Bonnie Smith at (510)581-6747 or mzzboo@sbcglobal.net. She'll send you an EF informational flyer to show prospective sponsors and a sponsor sign-up sheet. Maps of the park will be available at the event. And, the first 20 walkathoners to sign up will get a free pedometer!

Garin Park is located off Mission Blvd. in south Hayward; drive east up Garin Ave. to the top. There is a parking fee of \$5.00 per car; car-pooling is suggested.

It's best to collect your participation fees and sponsorships in cash up front and then write one check, made payable to H/CV AAUW; send it to Bonnie Smith, 571 Blue Jay Dr., Hayward, CA 94544-6701. The last day to sign up is October 15; contributions are due October 20.

HELP WANTED: We are seeking volunteers to help make this important fundraiser a success. If you are willing, please contact Bonnie.

WANTED: Silent Auction Chair Person

The Education Foundation VP is looking for a member to step forward to organize the Silent Auction portion of our Holiday Party. In the past it has been our biggest money-maker, and we expect it to be so again this year. While the party seems a long way off, it does take a lot of organizing to plan and collect all the auction items.

If you have been to the party before, you may have your own ideas about what sort of things should be auctioned or what changes can be made to make it bigger and better.

Please do consider volunteering for this important position. Call me, Bonnie Smith, at (510)581-6747 so we can discuss it. Thank you!

AAUW ANNUITY

Are you aware that **AAUW has an Annuity Program** where you can get more interest than in a normal fund type of investment. Once you establish this annuity, you will be paid the same amount no matter what the stock market does. The older you are when you establish your annuity, the higher your payment rate. You can leave a legacy by establishing an annuity supporting the AAUW Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, or Association Leadership and Training Institute. I did this a number of years ago and receive four equal payments each year. The payment rates now are as follows: Age 65=6.0%, 70=6.5%, 75=7.1%, 80=8.0%, 90+=11.3%. My step mother took \$300,000 out of Franklin Fund which was paying her 4%. She is 99 and receives the maximum every four months. This is really necessary as she has caregivers and needs cash flow. When she dies, the remainder of her Annuity will become an American Fellowship in her name. If you want more information, call AAUW at 202-728-7627. Liz Bathgate

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