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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20 – Membership Luncheon
October 1 – Drama Reading Group
October 6 – 6:00-8:00pm, Discussion: “No Child Left Behind”
October 11 – Walk-A-Thon & Picnic
October 20 – Book Review Group
October 26 - Northern CA EF Fellows Luncheon
November 1 – Cabernet & Chocolate
December 7 - “A Tale of Cinderella”
December 13 – Holiday Party

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 20, 2008
11 AM to 1:30 PM

PLACE: EDEN CHURCH OF CHRIST
CORNER OF BIRCH AND GROVE, HAYWARD.

Now that the membership renewal period is behind us, it is time to have some fun. As we have done in previous years, we will have a Potluck Luncheon to welcome our new members, get an update from our committee members regarding activities planned this coming year; pick up your new directory; socialize and get to know our new members.

If you have a friend that would like to join our luncheon please give me a call – all are welcome.

If you do not wish to participate in the luncheon, but are interested in the business section only, the business presentation starts at 12 noon.

IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH:

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HORS D'OUVRES

SALADS

MAIN DISHES

DESSERT

Iced tea, coffee and water will be provided. If you need a ride, please call **Erica Campisi** at: 510-278-5836.

President's Message – Linda Slater

Hello, fellow members. Welcome to program year 2008-09. We have a wonderful line up of programs this year, focusing on the AAUW Mission, support of EF, LAF, Tech Trek and Local Scholarship, as well as giving each member an opportunity to get together and share the vision.

This year brings changes from both National and State. As the year unfolds, your Board will keep you up-to-date and well informed. Something new this year is the completion of our application for a Local Scholarship Special Project Fund. It was approved by State AAUW and allows all donations to Local Scholarship to be tax deductible. This is very important for fundraising, allowing our Branch to solicit funds from local businesses to support our scholarship program.

Upcoming in September is our annual **Membership Event, featuring the Tech Trek program.** Judy Harrison, Tech Trek Chair is arranging for **1 or more of the six girls our branch sponsored to camp at Mills College this summer, to come speak to our membership about their fabulous experience.** You don't want to miss it. See the flyer in this issue about time, place, and the potluck.

2008-09 is going to be a great year. Our branch has a great board, wonderful members, and lots of interesting things to do. I hope to see all of you at one or more events throughout the year. If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to get involved please feel free to call me anytime. Together we make life better.

Your President

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**WALK TOGETHER
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It's almost Labor Day, a time to gear up for fall and start planning for all the exciting activities we will do together. One of the first on tap is the get-away-from-it-all **WALKATHON AND POTLUCK PICNIC**. Get set for a fun day at Lake Chabot! Instead of walking, how about rowing or bicycling or skating?

Whatever your pleasure, do please **mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11, from 10 to 2**, at pretty Lake Chabot. Then, man the phones and emails to sign up as many sponsors as you can – family, friends, work colleagues, classmates, co-worshippers, employers, shopkeepers...everyone! If you do, we can reach our goal of \$1000. We did it last year--and we can do it again--if not surpass it!

While we are enjoying friendships, exercise, and breaking bread together at the Walkathon and Potluck Picnic, we are also supporting the Educational Foundation. Every dollar you raise by signing up sponsors goes to fulfilling EF's mission of advancing educational opportunities for women and girls. It's one of the world's largest sources of funds for graduate women. If you've ever heard one of the fellowship recipients speak at a Tri-Branch EF Luncheon, then you know what intelligent and interesting women they are and how deserving they are of our support.

**October 11, 2008, 10 am – 2 pm
Lake Chabot Regional Park
17600 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley**

**Participation fee: \$10.00 per walker
Sponsorship: \$5.00 suggested minimum (tax deductible)**

Bring a favorite picnic fare to share

For bookkeeping purposes it's best to pay your \$10.00 Participation Fee in cash; but if **by check, make it payable to AAUW H/CV**, as it is not tax deductible. Sponsorship money can also be in either cash or checks; but if by checks, make them payable to AAUW Educational Foundation, as they are tax deductible. Either way, **bring all with you to the Walkathon or send checks to Bonnie Smith, 571 Blue Jay Dr., Hayward, CA 94544 – 6701. For more information call Bonnie at 581-6747.**

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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

One of the most active groups in the Hayward/Castro Valley AAUW branch is the Book Review Group. We are members who enjoy good books and like to share them with our friends. We meet the third Monday of each month, from October through May, except for December, at members' homes. One member reviews a favorite book at each meeting and we enjoy enthusiastic discussions. At one meeting each spring we all read the same book and discuss it in depth. We enjoy wonderful refreshments provided by our gourmet hostesses and visits with special friends. **The dates for 2008-09 are October 20, November 17, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18. The time is 2-4 p.m.** Details are given in each Shareline. Watch for the next issue of the Shareline, with details about the October 20th meeting.

All branch members are invited and encouraged to join us. If you have questions or want more information, please call Barbara Jones at 538.0516.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting in October.

DRAMA READING GROUP

We have a wonderful time the first Wednesday evening of each month starting in October reading a new play. **We meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 7:00pm and will have our first play on October 1st.** Anyone who enjoys good plays and being a bit of a ham is invited to join us for merriment and dessert.

Member News

Evelyn Gertler has a new e-mail address.
eviolinist@att.net

In early July we received the sad news that longtime branch member **Dorothy Buckley** had passed away. Dorothy was an active member of the branch for many years, often hosting special occasions in her lovely Hayward home. Until quite recently, she was still doing book reviews. She was 97 years old.

Please contact Corresponding Secretary Barbara Jones if you know a member who needs a note or card of encouragement, sympathy, or is to be congratulated on a special milestone. Barbara can be contacted by phone at **538.0516** or email at bb_jones@pacbell.net. Let's show our friends we care.
(More news on Page 6.)

NCLB Panel

Since its passage, people have been bombarded with pros & cons of the “**No Child Left Behind**” law. On October 6th, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Sheila Jordan , will explain the law, to interested people. Attendees will be given an explanation of the law, the way colleges are preparing student teachers to deal with it , and the experience teachers have had complying with the law.

Save the date.

October 6

Hayward Public Library

835 C Street

6:00pm-8:00pm

The Northern CA EF Fellows Luncheon

The date has been set for the Northern CA EF Fellows Luncheon. It will be on **Sunday, October 26**, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, California 94526. The time TBA. Save this date on your calendar. More information to come.

SAVE THE DATE: November 1, 2008

WHAT: Cabernet and Chocolate to benefit **the Legal Advocacy Fund**

WHERE: Home of Ursula Batz

“A TALE OF CINDERELLA”

This play will be at the Morrison Theater on **Sunday, December 7th, at 2pm**. The proceeds from our ticket sales will benefit Tech Trek. The tickets will go on sale at our Membership event at the cost of **\$25.00 each**. If you miss the Membership event, you can **send a check made out to AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley, to Peggy Robinson 24527 Marie Drive, Hayward, CA 94542 and include a self addressed, stamped envelope, so she can send you the tickets.**

“**A tale of Cinderella**”, is a delightful musical version of the classic story and is set in Venice in the time of fairytales and magic. It features a beautiful musical score which will enchant you from the orchestra’s first notes to the fairytale ending when the shoe fits and all live happily ever after.

AAUW Celebrates House Passage of Paycheck Fairness Act

WASHINGTON ^ July 31, 2008, AAUW applauds the House of Representatives for passing (247-178) the **Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 1338)**. If signed into law, the measure would strengthen and update the Equal Pay Act~passed 45 years ago~and would provide critical tools in the fight to close the sizable wage gap between men and women.

Championed by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.), the Paycheck Fairness Act would deter wage discrimination by strengthening penalties for equal pay violations and by prohibiting retaliation against workers who inquire about employers, wage practices or disclose their own wages. Under the bill, employers would have to show that wage gaps truly are the result of factors other than sex discrimination. It would also require the U.S. Department of Labor to reinstate activities that promote equal pay, including collecting wage-related data. The bill had 231 co-sponsors when it passed.

This vote was a fair measure of representatives' stance on pay equity issues, said **Lisa M. Maatz**, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. AAUW will include the vote in our Congressional Voting Record for the 110th Congress, and we'll make sure our members have the information they need to hold their elected officials accountable. Among their top issues, younger women especially identified equal pay for equal work as a main concern. Concerns over pay equity will be one of the key issues that drives women to the polls, Maatz said. In this economy and this election year, AAUW believes now is the time to address these issues.

Member News (continued from page 4.)

We received sad news that **Norma Hall**, branch member since 1980, passed away on Friday, August 15th. She was active in the branch bridge group and worked on the committee putting on the International Teas. **She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1951**, and was an admired teacher of 5th and 6th grades at Bay School in San Lorenzo for 37 years. A memorial service was held at Saturday August 23, 2008 at the Santos-Robinson Mortuary 160 Estudillo Ave. San Leandro. **In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be directed to The Norma Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the San Lorenzo Scholarship Foundation, 15510 Usher St. San Lorenzo, Ca. 94587.**

PROPOSED BRANCH BUDGET FOR PY 2008-09

PROGRAM	PLANNED INCOME	PLANNED EXPENSES
BANK BALANCES 06/30/2008 (Regular and EF/LAF Accounts)	\$22,525	
BRANCH OPERATIONS	\$16,162	\$18,215
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (Branch Contribute \$6,800 towards Barbara Reimer Grant)	\$ 7,143	\$ 7,110
LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (Branch Contribute \$1,000 to support litigation)	\$ 1,779	\$ 1, 675
TECH TREK (Branch send 4 girls @ \$800 each)	\$ 4,612	\$ 3,700
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP (Branch give one \$2,500 Scholarship)	\$ 2,975	\$ 3,000
TOTALS:	\$55,196	\$33,700

Complete details and member discussion of the proposed program(s) income and expenses will occur at the annual Membership Event on September 20th.

A NEW DIRECTION FOR LAF

For a few years now AAUW has been examining ways in which it can be rejuvenated and refocused. It's necessary if it's to retain and expand its membership and to advance its mission. That is, how do we grow into a reinvigorated organization with an expanded purpose? Organizational restructuring was one solution AAUW realized after surveying its members and professionals. It began in 2005 when the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), which was established as a separate corporation, merged with the AAUW Educational Foundation (EF); it's now a major program of the EF.

Then delegates at the 2007 National Convention approved additional changes. The Association (AAUW) and the AAUW EF will combine many of their assets and activities to form a streamlined organization with a single set of elected officers. The new Bylaws will be voted on at the 2009 National Convention to make this official.

In the meantime the focus will be to speak with one voice and one mission. "Breaking through Barriers" will be our new Value Promise, amplifying our Mission Statement of "Advancing equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research."

This will mean a new direction for LAF. When it was established in 1981, it focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education, including sexual harassment, pay inequity, denial of tenure and promotion, and inequality in women's athletics programs. LAF has supported more than 100 cases, contributing more than \$1.3 million in direct support to individuals fighting discrimination in the courts.

Earlier this year it was decided to transition LAF to a strategy consistent with our new Value Promise of breaking down educational and economic barriers so that ALL women have a fair chance. This means that LAF will widen its scope beyond the educational setting and use its resources for cases that make legal precedent. This will be a shift for LAF, which has focused more on deserving individuals than on landmark cases with precedent-setting potential.

Until then LAF will continue to direct case funding support for current plaintiffs through December 31, 2008, but will not post for new plaintiff applicants and will not review any current new applicants. Funds are available for the remaining ten of the 14 plaintiffs funded in 2007-8.

What we can do as individual members is make sure LAF has the funds to carry out its work. As Executive Director Linda Hallman writes, "Our members' support is critical! If we are to broaden our focus beyond the academic arena and target our resources to cases that establish significant legal precedent, we must create a fund that will support a significant attack when the "big case" comes along. We will still need to support LAF travel grants and program management, but the real need will be for a "war chest" that we can call upon for strategic litigation."

We NEED YOU!

The planning Committee is looking for a member to **chair the Holiday Party** and **The Educational Foundation VP is looking for a member to chair their Silent Auction**. The tentative date and venue for the **annual fundraising get-together is December 13th** at the Eden United Church in Hayward. If you are interested but not sure you have the time or experience, we can work together to accommodate your schedule and give you tips; maybe being a co-chair with another member would work.

For the Silent Auction it's been suggested that we ask members to contribute new items, themed baskets from the various interest groups and from individuals, homemade baked goods or jams or other foodstuffs, and homemade crafts and art items. But 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.

So please consider volunteering. **Call Helene Carr at 538-3743** about being the Holiday Party chair or **Bonnie Smith at 581-6747** about being the Silent Auction chair. Consider, chairs get to delegate, delegate to committee members!

Thank you!

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