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December 2014
 & January 2015



Hayward/Castro Valley Branch
www.hcv-ca.aauw.net



Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14, 2014

2:00 - 5:00 PM

San Lorenzo Homeowners Assn.

377 Paseo Grande San Lorenzo, CA



Annual silent auction supporting AAUW funds!

Enjoy the musical entertainment of the Song Birds!

Enjoy good eats, libation and the company of friends!

**Support the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO)
 with cash, check or gift cards (to be delivered)**

Reservation Coupon

- A) # of Adults Attending: _____ @ \$10.00 suggested donation.
 Make check to AAUW H/ CV.
- B) Hors d'oeuvres : Sweet _____ or Savory _____ (your choice)
- C) Silent auction: New Item _____ Homemade Item _____ Basket _____
- D) Individual contribution.\$ _____ (\$5 minimum suggested)
 Make check to AAUW Funds.

Send Checks & Coupon to: Linda Slater
 3422 Del Campo Circle San Leandro, CA 94578



NOTE: John Henry will play his guitar instead of Song Birds

The PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past month has been very busy for AAUW National as well as our local branch. On the national level, our President Patricia Ho was asked to represent AAUW in a roundtable on women's economic security with U.S. Secretary of Labor Tom Perez. When Patricia spoke, she noted that single mother households are among the fastest growing demographic in our society, and these women and families are the ones most in need of fair pay, a decent minimum wage, paid sick leave, access to further education, and affordable child care. Mr. Perez expressed appreciation for AAUW's leadership on women's economic security—especially our recent support of the proposed equal pay rule to ensure that federal contractors are not discriminating with our taxpayer dollars. These issues are at the forefront of our lobbying efforts in D.C.

On the local level, we co-sponsored a panel with the League titled "Money for Schools - Who Gets to Decide"? All four of our local school districts were represented by their Superintendent or high level staffers. Each was given time to present their program for their plans to implement the Local Control Accountability plan (LCAP) and their Local Control Funding Formula. These are the new processes that allow each district to decide on its own funding priorities instead of having the state decide how it should be done locally. The topic might sound dull, but the discussions were really interesting and elicited many very well thought out questions. Each speaker outlined their districts strategies and implementation plans.

We had a wonderful fundraiser for Tech Trek at a great restaurant in San Ramon called Gianni's. Helene Victor found out that this restaurant, which is normally closed on Mondays, allows non profits like our own, to come be the servers and workers for the evening. They give us all our tips and 10% of the take of the evening. Helene and others really got the word out and we had over 90 people show up to eat wonderful Italian food. Helene Carr, Daphne Butler and I were waitresses. Daphne had three friends come and help wait tables and I used an organization called Volunteer Match to get two more waitresses. Dee Butner was the lady with the roll of tickets who went soliciting at each table and was able to raise \$900 which will pay for one girl to go to Tech Trek. Judy Harrison was the hostess and set tables for the next group to arrive. Dave Krug greeted the diners at the door with his great smile. We took home \$2,130 for our evening of fun. This will pay for two girls to go to camp with another \$330 left over toward another camper.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU!

Liz Bathgate

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

December 3
Drama Meeting

December
NO BOARD MEETING

December 12-13
Holiday Home Tours
*Danville-Alamo-
Walnut Creek Brnch*

December 14
Holiday Party

January 5
Board Meeting

January 7
Drama Meeting

January 19
Book Group

January 26
African Safari
Presentation

February 7
Tri-Branch
Fellowship Lucheon

February 24
Human Trafficking
Panel/Discussion

***LOOK INSIDE FOR
DETAILS***

DRAMA READING

This month we will meet at Genie Lester's home at 7pm on December 3rd to read *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson. It was reviewed by a Newark, NJ newspaper in the following way: "An enormously funny and always riveting drama of remarkable dimensions...farce, pathos, and ghostly visions all seem at home with each other in Doaker Charles's tidy house where a 137 year-old piano dominates the parlor".

Genie's address is 22516 Charlene Way in Castro Valley. Anyone in the branch is welcome to come and read with us.

The January play will also be read at Genie Lester's home at 7pm on January 7th. This play is "The Visit", a tragicomic play by Swiss dramatist Friedrich Durrenmatt. An enormously wealthy woman returns to her hometown with a dreadful bargain: she wants the townspeople to kill the man who jilted her in exchange for enough money to revitalize the town. All comers are welcome to read the play with our group.

Liz

BOARD MEETING

NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 5th meeting will at 6:30pm at Helene Victor's home, 19253 Parkview Road, Castro Valley.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
(AAUW)**

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch

10th Annual Holiday Home Tour

**Festive Homes welcome you into the Holiday Season
with the warm glow of splendid and unique decors**

**Friday and Saturday December 12th and 13th, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$35 each. A senior discount of \$5 will be offered through Saturday,
Dec. 6th after which all tickets will be \$35**

PURCHASING TICKETS*

ONLINE

Use our web site link:

<http://daw-ca.aauw.net/hht2014>

A \$2.00 processing fee will be added for each ticket.

US MAIL

Send a check postmarked by Dec. 6th payable to *Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW* with a self-addressed stamped #10 business size envelope to:

AAUW HOLIDAY HOME TOUR
P.O. BOX 996
ALAMO, CA 94507

DIRECT PURCHASE

Tickets are available at *East Bay Flower Co.* at 206 Sycamore Valley Rd. W. (Danville Livery) starting on Nov 10th from 9-6 Mondays to Fridays and 9-5 Saturdays (cash or check only).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Email: aauwhht@gmail.com

Visit our web site: <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/hht2014>

Proceeds benefit local women scholars and Tech Trek Science Camps for middle-school girls

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AFRICAN SAFARI

With

JUDY HARRISON



An African Safari Right at Home!

Get ready for a fun filled trip on January 26 at Baywood Court, 21966 Dolores Street, Castro Valley, 7:00 p.m.

Just imagine visiting Kenya and Tanzania without that 19-hour flight, 10 hour time difference and all of the shots and visas required to enter the two countries. Judy Harrison will share highlights of the trip she took this fall to the Masai Mara Game Park in Kenya and to Tarangire National Park, Oldupai Gorge, Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area in Tanzania. You will see all of the big 5: lions, leopards, elephants, cape buffalo and rhinos as well as a multitude of wild inhabitants of the high savannah of the two countries. You will share life in a Masai village and be moved by the efforts to save hundreds of orphaned elephants whose mothers were killed by poachers. It promises to be an informative evening without the dust, rain and bumpy roads encountered on this once in a lifetime visit. So don your safari gear and enjoy the show!

BUNCO WILL BE IN FEBRUARY

Details in next Shareline issue

BOOK GROUP MEETING

There will be no meeting in December

The first meeting of 2015 will be on Monday afternoon, January 19th, 2-4 p.m., at the home of Jean Turner, 3422 Del Campo Circle in San Leandro. Directions to Jean's home will be available before the meeting.

The meeting as described on the master schedule for the year has been changed. This will not be a group read as the book selected was difficult to obtain and was expensive. Carol Jarvis and Gail Lundholm have volunteered to review a special book they both recently enjoyed, *Tale for the Time Being* by Canadian author Ruth Ozeki, published in early 2014. The novel tells the story of a woman novelist living on a remote corner of Vancouver Island who finds a Hello Kitty lunchbox washed up on shore. What she finds in the lunchbox links her to an unhappy teenager in Tokyo.

All members of the branch are welcome to come and join the afternoon of books and friends. Refreshments will be served. If you are new to the group, please call Jean to let her know you are coming. If you are a regular member and cannot come, please let Jean know. It's a courtesy to our hostess to let her know just how many are coming so she can plan accordingly. Jean's telephone number is 408-505-9716; her email address is bjturner2226@sbcglobal.net.

For those who were at the November 17th book group meeting, you know what a special afternoon we had! Relaxing in comfort in Genie Lester's living room, enjoying tea or coffee and delicious brownies, we had a meaningful and rewarding conversation via Skype with Alec Nevala-Lee, author of our group read, *The Icon Thief*. Alec was relaxed and comfortable in his Oak Park, Illinois, study as he answered our questions and shared his thoughts and insights to the novel. It was a truly rewarding afternoon! Genie did a fantastic job making it all run so smoothly.

Looking ahead to February, we will have another local author visit us to review his recently published historical fiction book. Retired educator, Nels B. Nelson, will review *Blockade: Captain Danielson Arms Formosa 1883-1885*. Dr. Nelson is the nephew of Captain Jens Danielson, who, as member of the Norwegian navy, played a major role in a little remembered military battle between Norway and France over the island of Formosa (now Taiwan) in the late 19th century. Dr. Nelson will have copies of his book available for purchase for those interested.



**TRI-BRANCH AAUW FUNDS
Fellowship Luncheon**

Saturday, February 7, 2015 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Sunol Valley Golf Club

6990 Mission Road Sunol, CA 94586



\$35

The Fremont, Hayward-Castro Valley, & Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branches sponsor this annual event, which is always a highlight of the year. Our speaker will be Crystal Owney, a graduate student at Mills College, who studies finance and Mandarin. Her primary goal is to become a CFO of an international corporation in the Asia Pacific region. She plans to start her own foundation to assist women interested in international finance with higher education expenses.

RSVP by mailing a check for \$35 payable to AAUW L-P-D and the form below to Harriet Lawrie, 4839 Perugia Street, Dublin, CA 94568-4809 by or before **Thursday January 15, 2015** (by our contract we **MUST** have **FINAL** count and full payment by Jan. 22). Inquiries: Harriet, 925/230-8750.

Each Branch will be raffling off one or more baskets. Bring cash or your checkbook. All proceeds go to AAUW Funds and will be divided equally among the three branches

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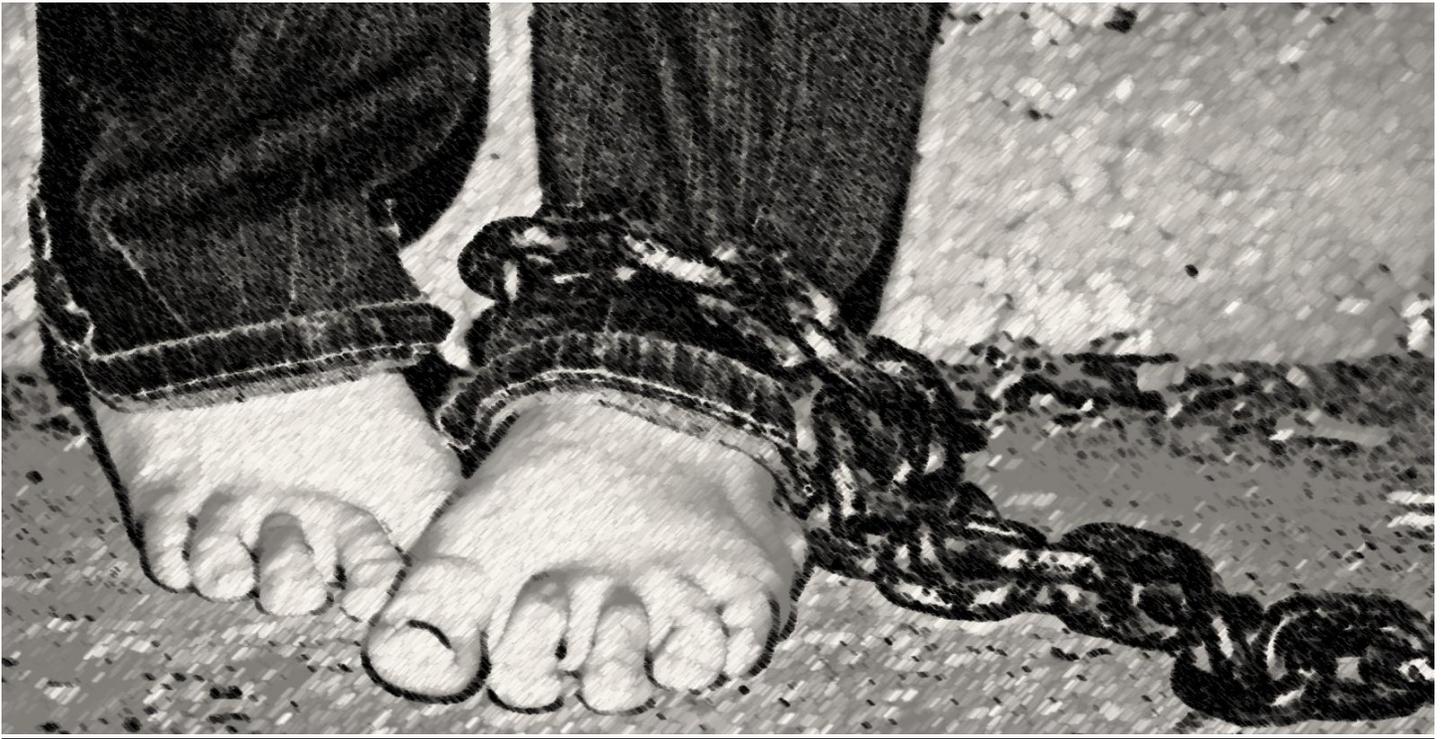
Branch _____

Address _____

Additional Person(s) _____

E-mail address _____

Please indicate entree choice: ___ Baked Salmon | ___ Chicken Piccata | ___ Tortellini Primavera



SLAVERY STILL EXISTS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PANEL DISCUSSION

Castro Valley Library-Chabot Room
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
5:30pm to 8:00pm

Human trafficking is an estimated \$32 billion-a-year global industry. The United States is one of the top destination countries and California is one of the nation's top four destination states . San Francisco is one of the major hubs for human trafficking due to its geographic location, population and commerce.

Learn more about local human trafficking at this thoughtful panel discussion including speakers from *Love By The Bay Never Fails*, *Freedom House*, *Red Window Project*, the *Alameda County DA's Office*, the *Hayward Police Department*, and a *Pediatric RN & Associate Professor of Nursing*.

Light refreshments will be served

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The library is wheelchair accessible. An ASL interpreter will be provided for this program if requested at least 7 days in advance. Voice 510-667-7900/TTY 888-663-0660

MEMBER NEWS

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 Dues News!

For those of you who have not yet sent your annual dues in, please let this be a reminder that your dues are overdue.

If you are unsure whether you have sent your dues in or not, please call me at 538-9370 so I can clarify your status with you.

If you have not sent in your dues, please send me a check for \$80 made out to AAUW and mail it to 4473 Hillsborough Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546.

Ursula Batz

State Ballot Measures: How Women Fared in 2014

November 06, 2014

We won!

On Election Day, AAUW's and friends' voices were heard loud and clear on ballot initiatives on issues including the minimum wage, paid sick days, and equal rights. Here's the rundown on how our issues fared in state elections.

Giving Workers and Women a Raise!

Voters in Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois*, Nebraska, and South Dakota **strongly supported** minimum wage increases. In fact, in each and every state, (red and blue) the measures received more votes than the winning candidates running statewide. Hundreds of thousands of workers will now be eligible, starting in 2015, for an hourly raise. *Illinois' vote was nonbinding

Paid Sick Days Pass, Too

In Massachusetts, Question 4 **passed**, giving more workers the family friendly benefit of paid sick days. Employers with 11 or more employees will need to allow full- and part-time workers one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. (Other local jurisdictions in the country also passed paid sick days.)

Protecting Choice, Promoting Equal Rights

Voters resoundingly **said no** to a personhood measure in North Dakota and rejected a similar initiative again in Colorado. Illinois voters passed an advisory ballot initiative requiring health insurance plans to cover prescription birth control. Unfortunately, we had a **setback** in Tennessee, where Amendment 1, which strips the constitutional protection for access to abortion, prevailed. We'll remain vigilant about the issue there and look for opportunities to restore women's rights to make private medical decisions. In Oregon, we **passed** the Equal Rights for Women Initiative, which closely mirrors the language of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution. We won with close to 64 percent of the vote — this represents a positive step forward in the national effort for ERA ratification.

Outreach Matters

Together with our AAUW state leaders, we disseminated critical and timely information about the 2014 ballot measures to supporters and voters in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, and Tennessee. AAUW mailed postcards to women voters in Arkansas, Massachusetts, North Dakota, and Tennessee to let them know our position on these critical questions and, for the first time, used robocall technology to send recorded get-out-the-vote calls to infrequent voters in key states. The messages came from AAUW volunteer leaders in those states. We reached hundreds of thousands of people in target states between the two efforts and also made live calls to Arkansas voters on Election Day from our Washington, D.C., office.

Onward

These are significant victories, and that's good news not just for women and workers but for the country. Based on these election results, the country has entered a more progressive era when it comes to ballot initiatives. For many years in many states, ballot measures were used to pass referenda that harmed women and communities of color. That's not to say some regressive initiatives didn't pass in some places this year. But the pendulum has swung back, and advocates for women and girls, like AAUW, were better positioned not only to stop regressive initiatives but to proactively use the power of ballot measures to advance key public policy priorities that have been long stalled in Congress.

This post was written by AAUW Field Director Patty Snee.



WASHINGTON

UPDATE

November 7, 2014

Top Stories

GOP Wins Control of Congress, Picks Up Four Governor's Mansions

Tuesday's election broke records as the [most expensive](#) midterm election in U.S. history and the midterm with the [lowest voter turnout](#) since 1942. After several hard-fought and close races, the GOP [took control](#) of the Senate with 52 seats (two seats—in Louisiana and Alaska—are still outstanding). Republicans also picked up at least 11 seats in the House (some races remain too close to call) and four governor's seats in Maryland, Massachusetts, Illinois and Arkansas. Democrats did see a few victories on Tuesday night, including [two pickups in the House](#), a victory in the New Hampshire Senate race against former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown, and a victory in the Pennsylvania governor's race.

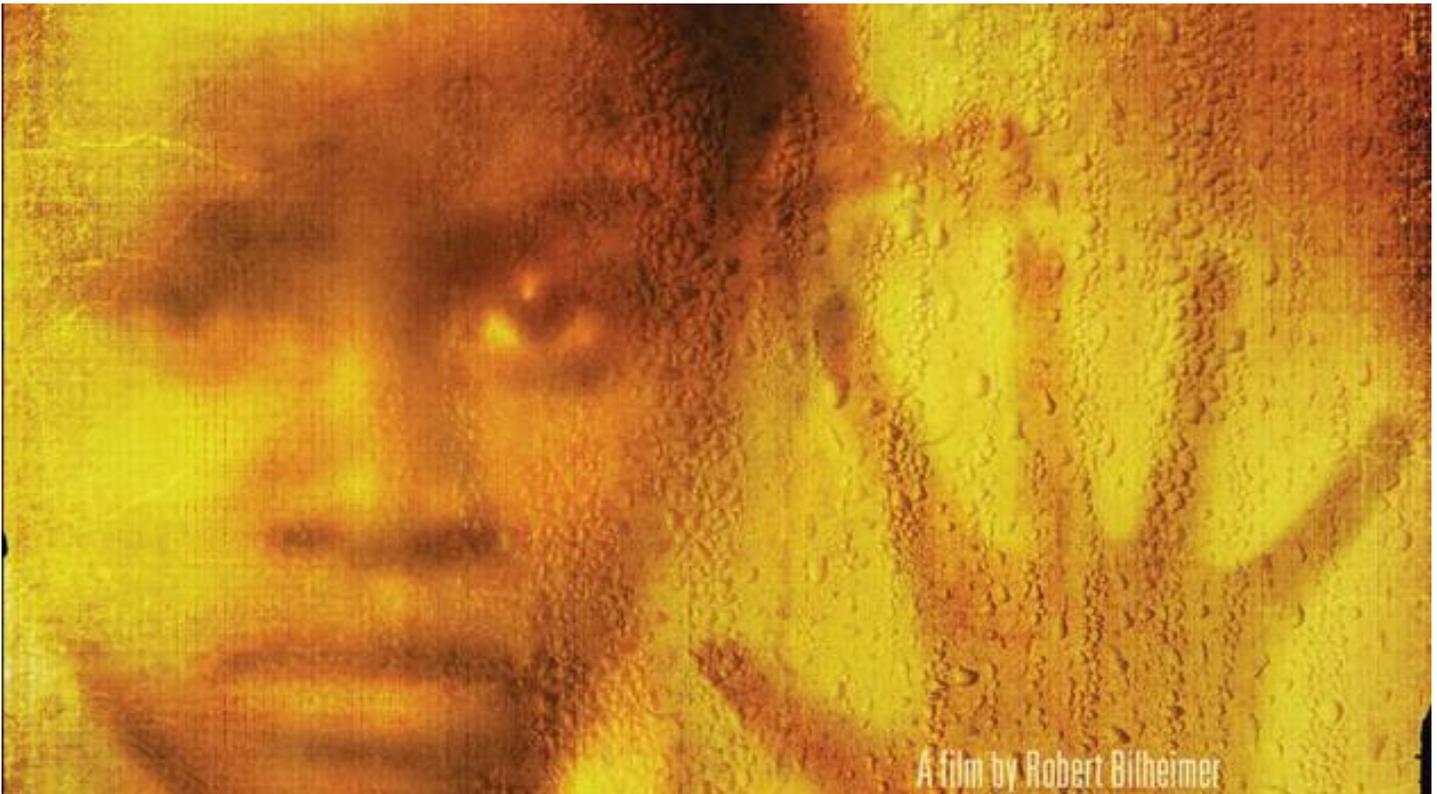
Unemployment Rate Continues to Decrease;

Other Economic Indicators Appear Strong

Despite stated concerns from Americans about the economy on Election Day, the Department of Labor [reported](#) today that the U.S. economy generated 214,000 jobs in October while the unemployment rate decreased to 5.8 percent. Although wage growth remained stagnant, all other economic indicators were strong—including an increase in the labor force participation rate, which means more people are entering the workforce. In the last six months, the economy has added an average of 235,000 jobs each month, contributing to 56 consecutive months of private-sector job growth, the longest streak in U.S. history.

Sixth Circuit Court Upholds Marriage Discrimination in Four States

Yesterday the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit [reversed](#) district court rulings that had struck down gay marriage bans in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. This disappointing circuit court ruling means that the same-sex marriage bans will remain in effect in those states, and it creates a split among the nation's circuit courts (the Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuit Courts have previously ruled that same-sex marriage bans in various states were unconstitutional). The circuit split puts added pressure on the Supreme Court to hear another case about marriage equality.



NOT MY LIFE

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Castro Valley Library-Chabot Room
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
6:00pm to 8:00pm

NOT MY LIFE is the first film to depict the cruel and dehumanizing practices of human trafficking and modern slavery on a global scale.

Filmed on five continents, in a dozen countries, **NOT MY LIFE** takes viewers into a world where millions of children are exploited, every day, through an astonishing array of practices including forced labor, domestic servitude, begging, sex tourism, sexual violence, and child soldiering.

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