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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 PRESIDENT's MESSAGE



I want to wish all of you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Our branch has many things in store for this winter and spring which should interest many of you. You can check on these by looking at the calendar provided in this newsletter.

AAUW National is dealing with a number of issues in the new congress. One of the top issues for all of us is the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. It may be necessary for us to get in touch with our Congressman and our two Senators to find ways we can influence the upcoming debate over ensuring adequate funding for education, demanding accountability from our schools, stopping voucher schemes, and keeping civil rights protections for students.

The Common Core proposal is going into effect and recently the League had a very interesting talk by the Superintendents of the four school districts in our area. All four speakers were very direct and to the point on how this new program will be implemented and tracked. We as educated women need to be more aware of how our school districts are handling these changes.

Another issue that is held strongly by so many of us is the cause to counteract decisions like "Citizens United" and get big money out of politics. It is really upsetting to so many of us that our government seems to be bought by the wealthiest people in our country. All of us need to keep the letters pouring into the Congress to let them know how these factors change our lives.

And since I am on my **soapbox**, how will Congress and state Legislatures react when bills are brought up to roll back reproductive freedom for women. "Roe v. Wade is now 42 years old.

Liz Bathgate

NOTE: In reference to the **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** program on February 24th, there some **QUICK FACTS** (in later pages) from the National Website, to help you understand the urgency of spreading the word about this problem and what it encompasses.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

- February 2
Board Meeting
- February 4
Drama Meeting
- February 6
Bunco
- February 7
Tri-Branch
Fellowship Lucheon
- February 16
Book Group
- February 24
Human Trafficking
Panel/Discussion
- March 2
Board Meeting
- March 4
Drama Meeting
- March 10
Human Trafficking
Documentary Movie
- March 16
Book Group
- March 20
Teck Trek's
Souper Supper

***LOOK INSIDE FOR
DETAILS***

BOARD MEETING

February 2nd

at Liz Bathgate's home

DRAMA READING

We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home on February 4th at 7pm.

The title of the play is 9 Parts of Desire. The title originates from Ali that "God created sexual desire in ten parts; then he gave nine parts to women and one to men". When done originally, the woman who wrote it played all the parts herself. We will change readers with each new person as she is presented. It is a portrait of the extraordinary lives of a whole cross-section of Iraqi women; a sexy painter, a radical communist, doctors, exiles, wives and lovers. It is an unusually timely meditation on the ancient the modern and the feminine in a country overshadowed by war.



Friday, February 6th – 6:30pm

Bring a snack or dessert and \$5 one-dollar bills for prizes.

Nice to meet other AAUW members casually.

Contact : Dee Donaldson at 538-3415 and she will help you decide what food item to bring.

**Hostess will be: Olive Riley Steward, 32174 Bernice Way, Hayward
Tel. #510-471-3332**

**Directions: From Foothill Blvd., go left onto Mission Blvd.
Drive south on Mission Blvd. (aprox. 11 minutes),
Turn left at Blanche St. (Eiffel Tower Preschool),
Turn right at Trevor St. (Kindango School),
Drive less than a minute, then turn left at Bernice Way,
to 32174 Bernice Way.**



**TRI-BRANCH AAUW FUNDS
Fellowship Luncheon**

**Saturday, February 7, 2015
11:30 am – 2:30 pm**

**Sunol Valley Golf Club
6990 Mission Road, Sunol**

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.

BOOK GROUP MEETING

Monday afternoon, February 16, the Book Group will meet at the home of Dani Stonelake, 19281 Edwin Markham Drive, Castro Valley, from 2p-4p.

Local educator, Dr. Nels Nelson will review his book *Blockade*, an account of his uncle, Captain Danielson of the Norwegian navy who played a major role in a little-remembered battle between Norway and France in 1883-1885 over Formosa (now Taiwan). Dr. Nelson will be introduced by Genie Nelson. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

If you are new to the group or are a regular member who cannot come to the meeting, please call Dani at 881-4460. This courtesy to our hostess allows her to plan the refreshments and seating accordingly. Thanks for your cooperation.

If you have questions or need directions, call Dani or email her at dstonelake@gmail.com.

Looking ahead to March, our meeting will be at the home of Dee Donaldson on Monday afternoon, March 16. This will be our second group read of the year, Mona Golabek's moving biography of her mother, *The Children of Willesden Lane*. Dani Stonelake will facilitate our discussion.

Hope to see you at these outstanding afternoons of friends, conversations and books.



QUICK FACTS on human trafficking

January 2015

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking and that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people.

What Is Human Trafficking?

In the past decade, human trafficking has emerged as one of the fastest-growing criminal activities in the world. This modern-day form of slavery claims an estimated 20.9 million victims internationally and is a serious violation of human rights.¹ Traffickers use violence, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to manipulate victims into engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against their will.² Though awareness of and concern about this industry have increased in recent years, human trafficking is consistently underreported due to its covert nature, low community awareness, lack of law enforcement, limited resources for victim recovery, and social blaming of victims.³

Sex Trafficking

Sex trafficking is a growing global industry and occurs in a wide variety of venues within the sex industry, including residential brothels, online escort services, fraudulent massage businesses, strip clubs, and on the streets.⁴ Under federal law, any minor under the age of 18 who has engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking — regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.⁵ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime reports that almost 6 in 10 survivors of human trafficking were trafficked for sexual exploitation.⁶

Labor Trafficking

Similar to sex trafficking, labor-trafficked victims are coerced; however, instead of being sexually exploited, victims are abused in a variety of labor settings including domestic work, small businesses, large farms, and factories.⁷ Trafficked victims in every industry work long hours for little to no pay, but the physical and psychological control employers have over victims often forces them to assume they have no other option but to stay. The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 14.2 million people trapped in forced labor all over the world.⁸

Human Trafficking Worldwide

Trafficking affects an estimated 161 countries worldwide,⁹ although currently the majority of victims are trafficked in Asia and Latin America.¹⁰ U.N. data indicates that people are trafficked from 127 countries to be exploited in 137 countries, affecting every continent and every type of economy.¹¹ Trafficking for sexual exploitation is more common in Europe, Central Asia, and the Americas. Trafficking for forced labor is more frequently detected in Africa and the Middle East, as well as in South and East Asia and the Pacific.¹²

Human Trafficking in the United States

Contrary to popular belief, human trafficking also occurs domestically, and it is a growing problem for every U.S. state. Federal reports estimate that 14,500– 17,500 victims are trafficked into the United States annually, excluding the number of victims who are trafficked within the country each year.¹³ The National Human Trafficking Resource Center reported that of cases reported in the United States from 2007 to 2012, 41 percent of sex trafficking cases and 20 percent of labor trafficking cases identified U.S. citizens as victims.¹⁴

Quick Facts - continued

Human Trafficking Impacts Women

Though this epidemic affects people from all cultures, social classes, and backgrounds, human trafficking disproportionately affects women and girls. Resulting from a global tendency to devalue women, women who lack the rights to own land, property, and inheritance become more vulnerable to trafficking. Women and girls account for 55 percent of forced labor¹⁵ and, even more upsetting, for 75 percent of all trafficked victims detected globally.¹⁶

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The National Human Trafficking Resource Center reported that women were the victims in 85 percent of sex trafficking cases reported in the United States from 2007 to 2012.¹⁷

Current Efforts to End Human Trafficking

The main federal legislation in the United States used to combat trafficking is the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). TVPA was recently reauthorized as part of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act in 2013. The law includes invaluable specialist services for survivors of human trafficking, grants prosecutors new tools to go after traffickers for exploiting others, and enhances partnerships with focus countries to protect children and prevent child trafficking.

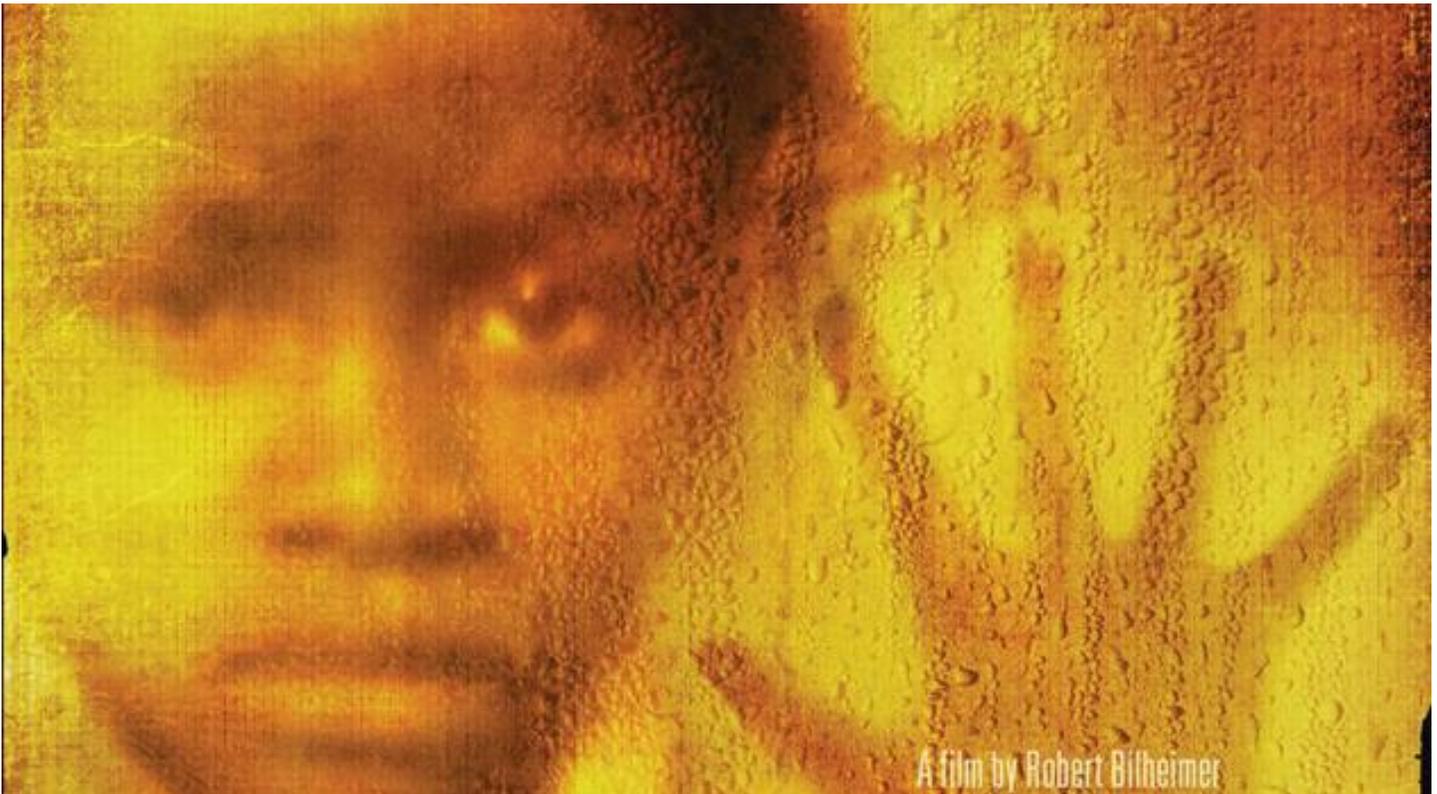
Much work is still left to be done at the state level. All states should have statutes in place that address protection of victims, prosecution, and prevention.¹⁸ Protection must include provisions that cover safe harbor, victim assistance, civil remedies, the ability to vacate convictions for survivors, and strict hotline posting requirements.

DINING OUT

Monday, February 16th

Sandy has been sick and was unable to confirm this activity.

Please call Sandy Boswell (510) 909-5466. Or email sandyboswell@rocketmail.com to make sure this is going to take place.



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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tech trek Tech Trek News

The Tech Trek committee, Dee Butner, Sylvia Ginwright, Linda Hendley and Ruth Kuftin, will be visiting 13 middle schools in Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo handing out information to seventh grade math and science teachers in early February. Applications should be in by mid-March and 5 campers will be selected in early April.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Souper Supper is on March 20. This is a chance to meet last year's campers and their families. Your super soups, salads and desserts will make this potluck the big success it always is!

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR!

You have made it possible for us to send 5 campers to Sonoma State from June 21 to June 27.

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Janice Friesen who was honored by administrators, parents, teachers and students at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts for her twenty-five years as a member of the Castro Valley School Board.

The branch was saddened to learn of the passing of two of our members this past month. Rosalie Rienzo, retired teacher and social worker, AAUW member since 2002, passed away on December 15 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. A memorial service was held at All Saints Church in Hayward on January 10.

Hayward City Councilwoman, Planning Commission member, Citizens Advisory Commission member, and member of the St. Rose Foundation Board, Doris Rodriguez, passed away on December 14. Doris joined the branch in 2008. Both Doris and Rosalie will be greatly missed by their families, their former colleagues and their many friends. Both ladies gave so much to our community; we are proud to have had them in our branch.

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.

Branch Holiday Party – Success (with circumstances)

The Hayward-Castro Valley Branch of AAUW celebrated its' annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 14th from 2 – 5 PM at the San Lorenzo Homes Association (SLZHA) Community Hall. Fortunately the day was bright and clear, following the heavy rains and winds of the week before, and all who attended had a wonderful time.

However, the turnout and the contributions to the AAUW Funds were not at the level of prior years due to a miscommunication, on my part, with SLZHA and for that I personally apologize to all Branch members who had planned to attend, but could not do so due to the date change. We missed you!

A total of \$1,199 was raised for AAUW Funds, \$515 from direct member contributions (THANK YOU!) and \$684 from the purchase of items in the silent auction. Many of the attendees went away with wonderful baskets, jewelry, paintings, or other items of value.



Nancy Turner presented a short synopsis of AAUW Funds and announced the Branch decision to contribute all of the funds earned from the party to support the AAUW Funds Research and Development Grant initially begun by Margaret Hankle, a long-time member of our branch, in honor of her mother Lucy.

John Hendry entertained us with his guitar accompaniment and Larry and Sandy Boswell happily poured the wine. The hors d'oeuvres were tasty, a wonderful party and a good way to ring out 2014. There were additional members who assisted in making the party a success: Helene and Darrell Victor, Dee Butner, Mary Graw, Ursula Batz, Jean Turner, Elaine Eakin-Wong and Helene Carr. Thanks I really appreciated your help.

Hope to see you all at future events, there are plenty scheduled in January, February and March leading up to the National Conference in April in San Diego. For more information about upcoming events visit the Hayward-Castro Valley Branch website at <http://hcv-ca.aauw.net/> to view the calendar, print the Shareline, and view pictures from past events.

Sincerely, Linda Slater Holiday Party Chairperson

Membership News

It's February and the beginning of a new year. As membership chair, I would like to share with you my suggestions for our Hayward Castro Valley branch in the coming year. I hope you will all consider signing on.

- **Renew your National, State and Branch membership for 2015-16 any time after March 16th.**
- **Bring a friend or colleague to at least one meeting in the coming year.**
- **Make sure you have the AAUW membership brochure handy when you're out and about (if you don't have one, ask me for one.)**
- **Attend at least one monthly board meeting this year and see your board members at work.**
- **Talk up AAUW and our wonderful mission whenever you get the chance, especially with members of other organizations to which you belong.**
- **Make a contribution of time, money or talent with respect to one of our fundraising branch projects: Tech Trek, NCCWSL or AAUW Funds.**
- **Suggest an idea for a program you'd like the branch to sponsor.**
- **Pass on information to board members about community or civic events in which our branch can participate.**
- **Attend as many branch programs as you can.**
- **Participate in one of our interest groups or start one yourself.**
- **Log in to the National website and create an account in the membership services Database if you don't have one at www.aauw.org (it's easy and you can learn all about your personal membership data.)**
- **Log on to the state website and discover all the wonderful resources that are available to our members (www.aauw-ca.org)**
- **Recruit one new branch member in the coming year.**

I would like to ask current members to sponsor new members of our branch. That is, that you would be given one member to encourage to come to meetings and programs, to get to know better and to learn what interests she has and help her to be an active member of the branch. Please call me if you would like to be a sponsor.

Please send me the names of potential members so that I can contact them. With all of us working together, we can help the branch grow with new and active members and increase the work of our branch in the coming year.

Ursula Batz , Membership Vice President 538-9370



WASHINGTON

UPDATE

Political circles have been buzzing since Tuesday night about an idea and phrasing that you probably have never heard before -- and I'm not talking about deflate-gate. No, the new buzz word in our nation's capital is "middle-class economics." We should probably all get used to it, since I think it may be one of the key themes of the 2016 presidential primaries and general election.

The term, which loomed large as a theme of President Barack Obama's 2015 State of the Union address, may be new, but the issues aren't. These are policy issues that AAUW has been working on for more than 130 years, including ending gender pay discrimination, expanding child care tax credits, establishing paid sick days and paid family leave, making college more accessible and affordable, improving retirement savings, raising the minimum wage, and making investments in education.

A new poll that came out this week confirmed that voters of all political parties support many of these policies. The question is whether lawmakers will listen to the broad public support and actually act. And, if Congress doesn't act, what executive orders might the president issue to push the issue? Further, how many more states and localities will pass similar measures themselves, tired of waiting for Congress to wake up to the expensive and time-crunched realities of raising a family today?

With both the president and the new Republican majorities in Congress clearly articulating the need to get back to the business of governing, should they actually embrace that mantra, there is the potential ahead for two very interesting years — and that means two very active years for all of us in the AAUW community.

Lisa M. Maatz
Vice President of Government Relations

Top Stories from Washington

Senate Committee Holds First Hearing on Education Reform
On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension (HELP) Committee held its first hearing on reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Action (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The hearing focused on annual testing requirements, which AAUW believes are essential to assessing an individual student's progress and our broader efforts to close achievement gaps, especially gaps for girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). AAUW attended the hearing, and AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps members visited Senate offices on Thursday to reiterate AAUW's education priorities. The committee is holding another hearing next week, which is expected to cover many other AAUW priorities.

Legislation to Advance National Women's History Museum Finally Passes

After 16 years of advocacy efforts, a bill that advances a National Women's History Museum is finally headed to the president's desk. Congress approved the legislation as a part of the National Defense Authorization Act, which cleared the House on December 4 and passed the Senate last week. The bill will establish a commission to study the creation of the museum in Washington, D.C. AAUW has been a long-time supporter of this bill and believes a museum to recognize women's many historic accomplishments is long overdue.

Senate Approves Spending Bill; President Signs It

Last Saturday, after the House narrowly approved the controversial \$1 trillion government funding bill, the Senate passed the legislation by a 56-40 vote. On Tuesday, President Obama signed the spending bill, which funds most of the government through September 30, 2015—the only exception is the Department of Homeland Security, which is funded through the end of February 2015.

Martha McSally Wins Last Seat in House, Bringing Final House Total for Women to 84 Seats

On Wednesday it was announced that Arizona Republican Martha McSally defeated incumbent Democratic Rep. Ron Barber to win the last contested seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. McSally's victory brings the final numbers of representatives in the 114th Congress to 247 Republicans and 188 Democrats. The number of women in the 114th House will be 84 (62 Democrats and 22 Republicans), a new record for women's representation in the chamber.

LAF EXPRESS

January 2015

Supreme Court Will Hear Marriage Equality Cases

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court finally agreed to hear several cases that challenge same-sex marriage bans across the country. Although the parties in a number of earlier same-sex marriage cases had asked for the court's review, the justices had declined each time.

But late last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit upheld same-sex marriage bans in four states. Previously, all circuit courts that considered the issue had ruled that same-sex marriage bans were unconstitutional. The 6th Circuit's decision created a circuit split — contrary rulings from circuit courts on the same legal issue — which made it more likely that the Supreme Court would take at least one of the appeals.

Unlike in most cases, both the plaintiffs and the defendant states had urged the Supreme Court to grant review; both sides agree that the states need a clear Supreme Court decision to settle the law. The court will probably hear oral arguments this spring. Stay tuned for updates.

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