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Hayward/Castro Valley Branch

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**HAYWARD / CASTRO VALLEY**  
**ANNUAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP POTLUCK PICNIC**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

**12:30 – 2:30 PM**

**SULPHUR CREEK NATURE CENTER**

**1801 D Street Hayward, CA 94541**

**(just down the street from San Felipe Park)**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE**

**SPECIAL GUESTS: THE 2016 TECH TREK ATTENDEES & THEIR FAMILIES**

**PRESENTATION: A SULPHUR CREEK NATURALIST WILL TALK  
ABOUT ONE OF THE ANIMALS IN RESIDENCE**

**NAME OF ATTENDEE(S)\_\_\_\_\_**

**BRING A POTLUCK ITEM TO SHARE**

**MAIN DISH**

**SALAD**

**DESSERT**

**INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS TO TECH TREK ARE ALWAYS WELCOME  
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO AAUW AND PUT SONOMA STATE TECH TREK IN MEMO LINE**

**SEND RSVP AND CHECK, IF MAKING DONATION, TO:**

**URSULA BATZ  
4473 HILLSBOROUGH DR.  
CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546-1026**

**QUESTIONS? URSULA BATZ AT [ursrpt@earthlink.net](mailto:ursrpt@earthlink.net)**

# The PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

Welcome to program year 2016-17. Your Board and several branch members met July 23, 2016 for our Branch annual planning meeting and solidified the following goals for this program year:

1. The Branch will increase our current membership by 15% through college partnership development,
2. The Branch will recruit two (2) new members to the Board of Directors,
3. The Branch will participate in four (4) public events with community partners,
4. The Branch will continue offering programs that increase awareness of sexual assault on campus, and
5. The Branch will increase public awareness of AAUW and participation in branch programs through strategic methods and publicity to celebrate our seventy-fifth (75th) branch anniversary.

I'm excited about these goals, primarily because our branch has a lot of opportunities to increase awareness and participation by reaching out to our college and community partners.

Chabot College and Cal State Eastbay are both college partners, but their student membership have yet to take advantage of the e-student membership opportunity which gives them access to all of AAUW's programs, research, and information. It's the branch hope that through strategic meetings with college partner representatives at each locations, reaching students through on-site programming, and advertising opportunities through college newspapers, sororities/fraternities, etc. we can influence future community leaders. **If expanding opportunities for students is your passion, we want you. The opportunity is there to expand the AAUW mission to those representing our community's future.**

Your current Board is composed of eight (8) committed branch members who bring together the ideas and programs that support AAUW's mission and programming, like Tech Trek, local scholarship, membership, etc. However, it's important that "new blood" comes aboard, not only to bring a new perspective, but also to expand our Branch's ability to fully support the mission, particularly in the areas of college partnership and AAUW funds, representing the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Funds, among others. **If your passion is leadership and development, we want you. The opportunity is there to impact the diversity and programs of your Board.**

Our fellow AAUW Alameda County branches, the League of Women Voters of the Eden Area, the Friends of the Hayward Library, and many other community agencies are interested in partnering with us during this important election year on voter education, voter registration, AAUW Funds programs, and our 75th diamond anniversary, among others. By strategically partnering we expand public awareness of AAUW's mission and support other organizations that share similar goals. **If expanding partnerships is your passion, we want you! The opportunity is there to expand our partnership opportunities.**

The programming planning committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 PM** at Liz Bathgate's home to recommend program events for the year that support the goals, like extending our focus on sexual assault on campuses, the celebration of our branch's 75th diamond anniversary, and programs for college students to bring awareness onsite. **If program planning and implementation is your passion, we want you. The opportunity is there to make our branch goals a reality through strategic planning and execution.**

The 75th anniversary committee will hold it's third meeting on **Thursday, August 25th from 1 - 3 PM** at Linda Slater's home in San Leandro. Celebration of our 75th diamond anniversary is an important benchmark. In honor we have been given the opportunity to have a showing of branch history at the Hayward Historical Society Community Gallery in May 2017. The 75th anniversary committee is combing through archival albums and information to cull the history of our branch successes since 1941. We are also planning a gala luncheon for Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Redwood Canyon Golf Club to celebrate our branch birthday.

President's message - continued

**If archival history and presentation is your passion, we want you. The opportunities include marketing the events, researching our history, designing the gallery presentation, and planning the luncheon.**

As you can see there will be a lot going on this program year. Your Board cannot do it all without YOU! We want your energy, your talents, and your commitment. Let me know YOUR passion. Send an email to [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net) and I'll direct you to the Board member who will support your passion and participation. We look forward to working with you to reach our goals, have fun, and expand awareness of AAUW's powerful mission.

Sincerely,

Linda Slater, Administrative Officer

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## **FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION**

# **IT HAPPENED HERE**

**'It Happened Here' follows five women from different universities across America who have been sexually assaulted. Each woman was affected differently and decided to take action against the pervasive mindsets contributing to rape on college campuses as well as their individual attackers.**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

**5:30pm to 8pm**

**Castro Valley Library**

**3600 Norbridge Avenue**

**Castro Valley**

**Film screening followed by a discussion panel**

This documentary screening is made possible by: AAUW, CV Schools and the CV Library

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

August 31  
Asian Art Museum  
Tour – call Liz  
Bathgate for info

September 6  
It Happened Here  
Film screening

Literacy Plus  
Tutor training

September 9  
Bunco

September 12  
Board Meeting

September 16  
LWV Lunch-Pro's  
& Con's

September 17  
Annual  
Membership Event

September 19  
Book Group

September 26  
Presidential  
Debate

October 3  
Board Meeting

October 4  
Volunteer Rec.&  
Awards Dinner

VP Presidential  
Debate

October 9 & 19  
Presidential  
Debates

October 29  
Fellows Lunch

## **WHAT IF YOU COULDN'T READ?**

Literacy Plus, Hayward Public Library's adult literacy program is looking for volunteer tutors to assist adults wanting to improve their basic literacy skills to achieve their goals, increase their knowledge and develop their potential.

New tutor orientation will be held on **Tuesday, September 6** and again on **Monday, September 12, 2016.**

The next FREE training class is on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

For more information and application, call 510-881-7910.

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> & October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:30 pm**  
**at Liz Bathgate's home**

## **90 YEAR OLDS !**

These three members of our branch have reached the milestone birthday of 90 in the last few weeks.

Dee Donaldson, Rita Hammer and Jean Turner.

We all wish you many more years of great health and your continued presence at our wonderful AAUW events.



*Happy Summer to all our Bunco Players*

*Our first game will be: Friday, Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 9:30pm*

*Location: Dee Butner*

*4789 Rollinghills Way*

*Castro Valley, CA*

*RSVP: Tel#@ 510-537-8541 (Dee Butner)*

*RSVP by Sept. 5*

*Bring 5 \$1 bills to play with. I will help you decide what to bring for our lite dinner before the game.*

*Easy directions: To get to Dee Butner's house coming from Castro Valley Blvd. turn North on Center St. and continue to Edwards and turn right. Go one long block and turn left on Gliddon. Go 2 short blocks and turn right on Rollinghills Way. My house is the yellow one on the corner.*

*We would love to have new members come. We also enjoy our faithful regular players too.*

*Until then- Dee Butner*

## League of Women Voters Luncheon Forum

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

11:30am

At

San Lorenzo Homes Assn

377 Paseo Grande

Discussion on Pro's and Con's on Affordable Housing and BART ballot measures.

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**BOOK GROUP MEETING**  
**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**1pm to 4 pm**

The summer is going by quickly and it will soon be autumn. Plans are already being made for the first Book Group meeting of the 2016-17 year. Start marking your calendars now!

The September meeting will be at the home of Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley.

This will be our annual "Summer Summary". All members are asked to bring a book she has recently enjoyed, thinks others will too, and give a short 3-5 minute review. We'll be selecting our four group reads for the year and your reviews will help us make our decisions.

All members of the branch are welcome to join our meetings. If you are new to the group, please contact Dee at 537-8541. If you are already a member of the group and cannot attend this meeting, please let Dee know. As refreshments will be served, our hostess needs to know how many are coming so she can make preparations.

Looking forward to seeing all returning as well as new members to the Book Group as we look forward to another year of good friends, fine books, delicious refreshments, and great discussions.

**PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES**

The dates are Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>\*, October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>

At the CASTRO VALLEY and SAN LORENZO LIBRARIES  
on their big screens

at 5:30pm

The debates will be followed by  
discussion periods led by members of AAUW &/or the League of Women Voters.

One of these dates will be a debate by the Vice Presidential candidates.

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## **Hayward Volunteer Recognition and Awards Dinner**

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
At 6pm  
at St. Rose Hospital's Grand White Tent

**AAUW is honoring Liz Bathgate at this dinner**

If you would like to attend you need to send a check made out for \$40.00 to the Recognition and Awards Dinner.

Send check to Supervisor Richard Valle's office at 24301 Southland Drive Suite 101,  
Hayward, CA 94545.

NOTE: Ask to be seated at the AAUW table

**DRAMA READING**  
Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
At 7 pm

We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home and enjoy some refreshments at intermission.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

If you are a new member and need more information, call Liz at 581-0461.

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# **The annual Funds Luncheon**

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**at 11:30am**

**at Crow Canyon Country Club**

**Last year 125 women from all over Northern CA came to hear 8 women who had been awarded Fellowships by AAUW to complete their dissertations or studies without having to work. Each one spoke on her field of study and everyone who went felt really energized to hear how our Fellowships mean so much to these students.**



**August 2016**

## **Listen to the Recording of the LAF Supreme Court Wrap-up Call**

The U.S. Supreme Court just ended its latest term, and the cases it decided this year will significantly affect the rights of women and girls across the country. [Access to reproductive health care](#), [TRAP laws](#) restricting women's access to legal abortion, and [affirmative action](#) hung in the balance. AAUW members across the country tuned in on July 19 to hear analysis of the court's most important cases. Couldn't make the call? [Listen](#) to the recording.



## **Tech Trek Report**

Seven girls had a rewarding 6 days as college students at Sonoma State University in June. Every girl agreed that camp was an awesome, amazing learning experience:

“Going to camp has given me rare opportunities to learn, create, things .... Us girls were also given the chance to learn about physics and we built a rollercoaster and a robot (and programmed it).” Camilla San

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"Someday, I want to become an amazing women(sic) like you guys. The class I took was App Inventor where I learned to code. My favorite thing was being in my Core Class with my friends." Aparna Anandkumar

"One of my favorite activities was building a rocket with one of my dorm group members, Elle. I also really like the marine mammals class. One last thing I enjoyed was the cow eye class." (cow eye dissection) Aurora Friedman



"I enjoyed chemistry class where we dissolved salt, made a vinegar/baking soda reaction and burned steel wool. I'm also very happy I got to see Mars, Jupiter and Saturn through a telescope." Chloe Corvello

"Throughout the week I had so much fun. My Core Class is App Inventor. When I first came to this camp I knew nothing about coding. But when I got there my teacher taught me how to code." Tamia Minor

"I was really excited at being able to take App Inventor...I enjoyed making my scrapbook app and learning to use blocks to command the computer. One of the most special parts of camp were the evenings. Whether it was observing the stars or meeting professional women, I know it was a once-in-a-lifetime event." Anna Bay

"Thank you so much for this opportunity of me being in Tech Trek. I have learned so much in just one week. I learned about bacteria, blood cells, blood types and many more things." Stephanie Rivas

Every girl was so grateful for the opportunity give to them by our hard work raising the fund to send them there. Several even mentioned that they would like to be Junior Counselors in 2 or 3 years.



Dear AAUW members and everyone present,

I wish I was there on this beautiful day to thank you all in person for taking some of your precious time to be here today; your hard work, dedication and efforts to help women get equal rights are an inspiration to me

At the 2016 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, I met many women and a few men all eager to learn and work toward this same goal. The conference was a great opportunity to meet like minded people from all over the United States and get to know better incredible women such as Nancy Grace Roman who is the living proof that persistence can get you anywhere. I also was able to talk to Sarah McBride, one of the 2016 Women of Distinction, and ask her advice on team management issues I faced as a student senator and she gave me useful tips on how to foster meaningful relationships and a positive team spirit.

During the conference, I was reminded to never give up and follow my dreams or goals no matter how many obstacles I encounter. The many success stories I heard through the various speakers and workshop leaders were refreshing as they pictured the hardship, devotion and sacrifices it takes to succeed as well as the impact one person's work and ambition can have.

NCCWSL has affected me in many ways: I discovered new territories and people, made new friends, learned how to take care of myself better to work more efficiently towards my goals, shared experiences, tips, and stories with other girls, learned how to be better organized, and so on. This one opportunity to participate in this conference made a lifetime impact on me.

I am so grateful and honored I was awarded the AAUW Scholarship to participate in the 2016 NCCWSL. Without you, I would never have had the chance to get to know AAUW and travel to Washington DC to meet these incredible women advocates; so thank you again for all you do and all that you make possible for people like me. I am proud to be now part of the AAUW family and looking forward to help other women being empowered and join in the AAUW effort!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Pierre-Louis

## MEMBER NEWS

As we get ready to start a new AAUW year, there are several news items of members.

It has been a difficult summer for Ruth Kuftin and her family. On June 17th her daughter-in-law Julie Wellings passed away suddenly from two aneurysms following an out-patient procedure. A memorial service was held on Sunday, July 3. Julie, a warm, loving thoughtful young woman is survived by her grieving husband and daughter, Gregory and Andrea Kuftin and her loving mother-in-law, Ruth Kuftin.

Their many branch friends were saddened to hear of the passing of Cy Donaldson, husband of longtime member Dee Donaldson. Cy passed away on July 8th from natural causes. He was 88. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dee, children Christine Debro and Brian Donaldson, Brian's wife Laurie Donaldson, four grandchildren, Sierra and Marina Donaldson and Kyle and Kira Debro and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, August 6th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Kuftin and Donaldson families on their tremendous losses.

Mary Krieg is finally recovering at home after an extended hospitalization following surgery in the early summer. She reports she is feeling very well once more and is back to enjoying her friends and activities.

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](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Let's let our friends know we care.

## **AAUW IS CHARTING THE COURSE. WHY NOW?**

A story of women's progress toward equality in this country is a remarkable one, and AAUW has played an important role in nearly every chapter. We've worked hard to open more opportunities than ever to women and girls, and we have made significant advances. But we're not done yet.

There are still formidable challenges to tackle. In our economy, women are still paid, on average, just 79 cents for every dollar men are paid. In Congress only one-fifth of our leaders are women. In business, women make up just 5 percent of Fortune 500 CEO's. In short we have a lot of work to do.

Our two year Charting the Course campaign aims to raise \$1 million in unrestricted funds to ensure that AAUW is well prepared to meet the issues facing us today and into the future. These unrestricted funds will be used wherever the need is greatest, empowering women in our communities, schools, workplaces, and positions of leadership.

I took this information to heart and gave AAUW \$50,000 this past January. I found out that if we got 9 other women in our branch to donate to this fund, we would be known as Branch Navigators. I sent out the request and was pleased that the following women heeded the call. Ursula Batz and Linda Myers had already given on their own, so I found 7 others willing to help. They need to be recognized for their philanthropy. They are Ruth Rymer, Nancy Turner, Linda Slater, Peggy Robinson, Connie Rusk, Marty Kennelly and Maddie Maduraikarpagam, a parent of one of this year's Tech Trek Campers.

Thank you all for your generosity!!

Liz Bathgate