

# ***The Shareline***

**AAUW - HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY**

**MARCH 2013**

## **WHAT'S GOING** **ON**

March 6  
Drama Meeting

March 12  
Speaker Melba Beals  
Board Meeting

March 15  
Bunco

March 16  
LAF Luncheon

March 18  
Book Review  
**NO** Dining Out

March 22  
LWV Luncheon on  
Prop. 30-Speaker  
John Chiang, State  
Controller

**Tech Trek**  
**Souper Supper**

April 3  
Drama Meeting

April 9  
Board Meeting

April 15  
Book Review

April 20  
Annual Meeting &  
Speech Trek Finals

## **CHABOT COLLEGE** **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** **2013**

**Tuesday, March 12th, 2013**  
**12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

Chabot Visual & Performing Arts Center  
255555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward, CA 94545

Admission: FREE

**Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals**  
Member of the Little Rock Nine  
Congressional Gold Medal Recipient  
Author of 'Warriors Don't Cry'

**TECH TREK Souper Supper**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

***SEE RESERVATION FORM @***  
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**AAUW –  
Advancing equity  
for women and  
girls through  
advocacy,  
education,  
research &  
philanthropy**

## **We're on the Web:**

**Branch**

[www.aauw-  
hcv.org](http://www.aauw-hcv.org)

**State**

[www.aauw-  
ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

**National**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Tuesday evening, February 19<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful potluck dinner with about 35 members in attendance.

The board decided that our membership is not well informed about what National and State AAUW really do for women and girls. After a wonderful choice of great foods, we all enjoyed meeting some new member prospects and had time to reacquaint ourselves with friends whom we had not seen for awhile.

Helene Carr, our past president and member of the AAUW State Board started the meeting.

I followed with some information on our history. AAUW began in 1881 and our first Fellowship of \$350 went to a lady who was studying English in 1885. In 1918 we marched on Washington demanding the right to vote. Two years later, \$156,000 was raised to buy one gram of Radium for Marie Curie so she could continue her research. Soon thereafter, members from all over the country got together and began what we now know as AAUW in 1921.

Since our inception, we have advocated for child labor laws in the 1900's and the dispensing of contraceptive devices by physicians in the 1930's. In more recent times, we have supported legislation which would affect girls and women such as the Title IX laws prohibiting sex discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding, lobbied on Capitol Hill with women who live in the D.C. area, provided research on things like Graduating to the Pay Gap, and provided more funds for Fellowships than any other organization in the country.

When an individual is chosen to receive this stipend, it can be for as much as \$30,000 so that this woman can complete her doctorate degree without worrying about working to support herself as she writes her thesis. I have funded my own Fellowship and am so pleased each year to meet the woman who has benefitted from these funds. My stepmother, who died last May, has a Fellowship in her name. This was a promise I made to her when she decided to start an AAUW Charitable Remainder Trust to increase her income. She lived to be 104 so much of the original investment was used to pay her 11% on her money each year. I made up the difference after selling her house so she has a Fellowship in her name. Next year I can look forward to meeting *two* women who have received these Fellowships.

Our National Website has changed its look. We have a new logo and much information that is relevant to all of us. Please go to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) and see what has transpired. We will have a new website for our local branch in the next few months which will have far more information available to our members. That web address is [aauw-hcv.org](http://aauw-hcv.org).

Liz Bathgate

## **DRAMA READING**

Wednesday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 7pm**

**581-0461**

We meet at Liz Bathgate's home, 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley.

The play this month will be *Tesla's Letters* by Jeffrey Stanley. It is a semi-autobiographical wartime drama set in the Balkans just before the Kosovo crisis in 1997.

Everyone is welcome to join us for play reading. It truly is great fun and we always have time for conversation and dessert.

### **BOARD MEETING**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

**At Liz Bathgate's home**

**581-0461**

## **BUNCO**

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 6:30pm**

Location: Dani Stonelake, 19281 Edwin Markham Dr., Castro Valley

**RSVP:** Dee Butner (510) 537-8541 or Dee Donaldson (510) 538-3415

**by March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

We enjoy having new players to come. It is a very simple game to learn. We need a total of 12 players. We have a pre-game meal of appetizers, desserts, wine or regular drinks. When you RSVP we will ask what you can bring.

We like the players to be on time so that the evening will end at a reasonable hour. Please bring \$5 in \$1 increments. This is a great way to meet new people.

### **FUN- FOOD-MONEY PRIZES**

Easy Directions: Dani lives in the Palomares Development off of East Castro Valley Blvd. While on East Castro Valley Blvd. drive to the freeway overpass about 5 minutes and turn left on Villareal Dr. and drive 3 minutes up a long long hill then turn left on Edwin Markham Dr. and drive 1 minute. Her house is on the left side, 881-4460.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## **BOOK REVIEW GROUP**

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**2 – 4 pm**

Monday afternoon, March 18, will provide the Book Group with an opportunity to discuss our third group read of the year, Jennifer Chiaverini's historical novel, *Sugar Camp Quilt*. For the quilters in the group, the novel provides historical insights to patterns and the role of quilts in everyday life. For history buffs, the plot includes the important role of the Underground Railroad in the lives of people living in mid 19th century southern Pennsylvania. Margaret Hankle will facilitate the discussion that promises to be lively.

We will meet at the Castro Valley home of Helene Victor, 19253 Parkview, from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, call Helene at 886-1640.

As we plan for the final meetings of the current year, on Monday afternoon, April 15, Barbara Jones will review Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor's autobiography, *My Beloved World*. On Monday afternoon, May 20, we'll enjoy our fourth and final group read, Ann Patchett's extraordinary recent novel, *State of Wonder*. Those who have read earlier works by Patchett know her novels are set in interesting locales and have unique plots reflecting current events. You will enjoy her descriptions of the Brazilian Amazon, its people, and the reactions of North Americans who venture into the region. Our facilitator that afternoon will be Ruth Rymer.

Plan on joining us for all three afternoons of good books and conversation.

## **DINING OUT**

**Since the Tech Trek Committee usually does an outstanding job organizing our big fundraiser for the camperships, I encourage diners to come to the Souper Supper and donate the money that would otherwise be spent dining out towards this annual event.**

**I am considering Dining Out going to The Golden Tea Room on Main Street in Hayward in April. This would be a daytime event on a Thursday or Friday, possibly a Saturday, if there's enough interest. I'd appreciate feedback from those who would like to experience "High Tea in Hayward!" Please let me know which day works best for you. Thanks.**

**Sandy Boswell (510) 909-5466    [sandyboswell@rocketmail.com](mailto:sandyboswell@rocketmail.com)**

# **CHOCOLATE FACTORY TOUR**

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

How many of you are aware there is a very special family-owned chocolate factory that has been in the Bay Area since 1984? Have you taken a tour of a chocolate factory, watched while mouth-watering treats are being made and then enjoyed freshly made samples? Would you like to get special chocolate treats for the spring holidays ahead?

We have a reservation at *Rachel Dunn Chocolates, 1021 Detroit Avenue, Concord, for 11 a.m.* You will meet Rachel herself, who will lead the tour, and will learn about this delightful woman's life as she started and developed what has become a major local business in the Bay Area. Her candies are not sold in stores, but are available online and at the factory itself. Yes, there is a store on site where you can sample and purchase as much of the candies as you wish. They take checks, cash and credit cards.

Specialties include her Unbelievable Apples and Pears, her buttery caramels, chocolate truffles, Southern Pecan Pralines, White Chocolate Chai Tea Grahams (alone worth a visit to the factory/store!), almond, coconut, peanut and cashew brittles, dark chocolate pecan chews - to name only a few of the goodies available! There will be special Easter chocolate eggs, bunnies, and other treats, available as well. All these items are made right there at the factory. All her candies are made with only the freshest ingredients with no artificial flavoring or preservatives.

If you'd like to know more, explore the website Rachel Dunn Chocolates.. It's guaranteed to whet your appetite!

If you'd like to join us for this special tour, contact Barbara Jones at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net) or 538-0516. You're welcome to bring friends. We'll need to know how many will come for the tour and shopping that day. We can plan carpools for the outing, and those who wish may want to stay in the Walnut Creek/Concord area for lunch after the tour/shopping.

Put March 20th on your calendar now, and plan to enjoy a rich, rewarding, delicious day!



# League of Women Voters—Eden Area

## JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON FORUM

**Friday, March 22 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

**San Lorenzo Village Homes Association**

**377 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo**

### **LONG RANGE IMPLICATIONS OF PROP 30 ON EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**Speaker:** Honorable John Chiang, State Controller



The Controller is the Chief Fiscal Officer of California, the ninth-largest economy in the world. The Controller makes sure the State's \$100 billion budget is spent properly, helps administer two of the nation's largest public pension funds, and serves on 81 State boards and commission. These are charged with everything from protecting our coastline to overseeing crime victim compensation.

11:30

Registration and lunch

12:15

Speaker Hon John Chiang

1:00 p.m. Q & A

**Cost:** Lunch \$10 paid by March 18, 2013, \$15 at door.

**Program without lunch, Free.**

**RSVP to:** [LWVEA@aol.com](mailto:LWVEA@aol.com) or call Suzanne Barba 510-538-9678

**Send check to:** LWVEA, P.O. Box 2234, Castro Valley, CA 94546

Include your name, phone, and email.

## **LAF**

The LAF luncheon for Northern CA will take place on Saturday, March 16th in Burlingame. Ursula and I have signed up to go. If anyone else wishes to go, we will be driving from Liz Bathgate's home starting at 11:15. Please call Liz to let her know, 581-0461.

### **Legal Advocacy Information**

#### **Pay Discrimination Case Update**

Virginia LeBlanc is the former director of the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program at Indiana University, a scholarship program that primarily serves African American students. She filed a complaint in federal district court against the university claiming gender and pay discrimination after allegedly facing resistance when she tried to resolve the pay disparity internally. AAUW adopted her case in December 2012.

Recently, LeBlanc and her legal team completed their first round of information discovery, and settlement talks are scheduled for March. If necessary, the case will go to trial in April 2014.

#### **AAUW Stands with Survivors of Military Sexual Abuse**

On January 23, the House Armed Services Committee held a hearing on the widespread sexual misconduct at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where all members of the Air Force attend basic training. AAUW Board of Directors member Kathy Braeman and Program Manager Holly Kearl tried to attend the hearing, but most of the seats were reserved for members of the military, so they had to watch it on television from an overflow room.

Kearl wrote a blog post about the hearing that focused on how the Air Force said they did not talk with the survivors who had come forward before they made recommendations for improvement. How can they hope to fix a crime without talking to survivors of that crime? Her post led to an interview and an invitation to write for the Huffington Post about the military sexual assault survivors who are participating in the LAF-supported lawsuits.

### **ANNUAL MEETING & Speech Trek Finals**

The Annual Meeting and Speech Trek Finals will take place in Sacramento on Saturday April 20th. Thus far Ursula, Elaine Wong and Liz Bathgate are driving up and coming back the same day. We plan to go to the Speech Trek finals before driving home late in the afternoon. Please let one of us know if you are interested in going.

## **FUTURE OUTING**

Saturday, May 11, 2013. We will be enjoying a train ride from Niles to Sunol, lunch in Sunol and return trip by train to Niles.

The trip starts at 11:30 and the ride takes about an hour and a half one way. The cost will be \$10 for seniors and \$12 for adults.

More information will be forthcoming in the next *Shareline* so you can reserve your spot.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

The many AAUW friends of Ruth Leth extend their condolences on the passing of her sister, Lillian Leth Hyde after a long illness. Ruth has spent many weeks this past year with her sister in Colorado, where Lillian passed away on Christmas day. Our thoughts have been with Ruth and her extended family during this difficult time.

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.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We had two prospective members come to the potluck on Tuesday. I think that they were impressed with all the things our organization is involved with in our local community as well as our State and National organizations. Loretta Siegel, who is known to many who go to author readings at the Hayward Library, came to join us. Our other guest that evening was a field representative from Assembly member Bill Quirk's local Hayward office, Layma Murtaza, who is going to join the branch after finding our goals very inspiring. She is a young Afghan-American woman who would be happy to share with us her experiences and the issues she encountered while she was in graduate school in Cairo, Egypt during the riots that deposed Mubarak.

If you know of any women who are interested in joining the branch, they can receive 15 months of membership for \$80.



**SAVE THE DATE**

SOUPER SUPPER  
Friday, March 22, 2013  
6 TO 9PM

CASTRO VALLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
18550 REDWOOD ROAD  
(Redwood and Seven Hills Rd.)

**A Benefit for Tech Trek Scholarships**

*Hear some Tech Trekkers share camping experiences and what life is like after camp.*

***COST: \$10 FOR MEAL WHICH INCLUDES SOUP, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERT, BEVERAGES AND PROGRAM (\$5 FOR THOSE WHO ARE COOKING)***

**WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT ADDITIONAL DONATIONS OF FOOD, PAPER GOODS OR MONEY AND HELP WITH SET UP OR CLEAN UP.**

**BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

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***SOUPER SUPPER RESERVATION FORM***

**MAKE CHECKS OUT TO AAUW H-CV.  
SEND TO SOUPER SUPPER C/O DEE BUTNER  
4789 ROLLINGHILLS WAY  
CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546 TELEPHONE: 537-8541**

**if you have any questions contact Judy Harrison, 889-1431, [Jharrison663@comcast.net](mailto:Jharrison663@comcast.net) or Dee Butner, 537-8541, [kinder55@aol.com](mailto:kinder55@aol.com)**

**NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMOUNT SENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_**

**I WILL BRING: SOUP SALAD DESSERT**