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Addressing Income Inequality:

State, County & Regional Efforts

Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 1-3 pm

San Leandro Main Library Lecture Hall

300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro

Speakers:

Director Christine Baker -

California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)

James Paxson - Chair

Alameda County Workforce Investment Board

Sasha Werblin - Economic Equity Director

Greenlining Institute



- Learn about the current statistics and impact of income inequality

- Find out about current efforts to reduce the gap in income and wealth

- Participate in determining a call to action to address income inequality

This is a free event but attendees should RSVP as follows:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=15699486587> or email

lwvea@aol.com or call (510) 394-4082



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Hayward/Castro Valley Branch of AAUW (American Assoc. of University Women)

The PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

On March 21st, Helene Carr, Judy Harrison, Ruth Rymer and Helene Victor all took part in a conference at Hayward City Hall put on by AAUW California. Sandy Boswell and the

rest of us checked in all 73 participants and speakers at 9:00 am. The conference was entitled DEVELOPING THE LEADER IN YOU!

> The opening speaker, our State AAUW President Kathleen Doty, had just come from a session of reading CA bills that might have a bearing on our mission. After having gone over 60 plus bills, the group decided to focus most of our efforts on SB 358 which deals with Equal Pay for Women in the workforce. Following Kathleen, Erica Stout from AAUW National was introduced. She is a Training and Program Manager and deals with Member Leadership Programs. She focused on how joining AAUW becomes a priority for its members. Her four main points are a passion for its mission and issues, help in personal and professional development, helping in our own communities, and connecting with like minded women as the key reasons members join and stay connected with our group.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

April 1
Drama Meeting

April 6
Board Meeting

April 10
Bunco

April 20
Book Group

April 25
Addressing Income
Inequality

May 7
Women's Issues
In Congress

May 22
Teck Trek's
Souper Supper

LOOK INSIDE FOR DETAILS

> She brought up the fact that each of us has one vote in both state and national elections. The National Election information can be found on AAUW.org website under National AAUW Election. All of the candidates for office are listed and there are video's of each one of them talking about their reason for seeking office. Two of our former Stat Presidents, Alicia Hetman and Judith Pfeil are running for office. There are five by laws changes proposed. The one of most interest to all of us is dropping the degree requirement for membership. This is very contentious to many of our members who believe that having a 2 year or better degree sets us apart from other women. Others believe that anyone who has the passion for our issues and is willing to help us accomplish our goals should be eligible to be members. National voting begins on April 15th and will continue to the Convention in San Diego on June 19th.

> State elections begin in mid April and will go on for a month. In both cases you need to know your membership number and go online to vote. The next issue of the Perspective should be coming out soon and will contain all the information on voting in the State AAUW Election. Our own member Helene Carr, who has been on the State Board for a number of years is running for State CFO. She is currently our treasurer.

> After our opening session with the Kathleen Doty and Erica Stout, we were given a number of workshops which we could attend. They included "Getting Things Done", Recognizing, Mentoring & Supporting Leaders, Alternative Governance/Leadership Structures, Strategic Planning, Why Can't We just All Get Along!!!, Team up for success, Managing Change, and Being a Change Leader. Each of these workshops lasted 50 minutes and were led by members of the State AAUW Board who have expertise in these various areas of AAUW.

President's Message – cont.

We five attendees attended a number of different workshops to get the most out of the session so that we can come back to our board and be able to share our experiences and strive to include more of you in our endeavors. Leadership is not a one woman street! It takes all of us to give something of our own expertise to the programs, membership or governance of our group. Being on a committee for a specific event is not a long term commitment, but is very much needed if our success in our community is to continue.

> Speaking of short term commitments, our Scholarship committee made up of Penny Peck, Joanne Young and I will be interviewing three Chabot College candidates for a scholarship to the NCCWSL in Maryland. This is a leadership conference for college women leaders and will take place May 28th – 30th at the University of Maryland. There will be over 1,000 young women scholars attending this year. We will interview them on Wednesday March 25th so our next issue will have a picture of the winner and her reasons for wanting to go to this event.

Liz Bathgate

DRAMA READING

We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home on April 1st at 7pm.

The play this month will be “The Hound of the Baskervilles” adapted and dramatized by Tim Kelly. Holmes’ most spine-chilling mystery is placed in a modern setting in this version with suspense, humor and terror. Sir Henry is heir to the vast Baskerville fortune, a legacy that comes with a family curse—death at the fangs of a horror that prowls the moor. Only Holmes can stop the beast.

Everyone interested in a good mystery, great conversation and a good dessert are welcome.

BOARD MEETING

April 6th @ 6:30pm

at Liz Bathgate's home



Friday, April 10th – 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Bring a snack or dessert and five \$1.00 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 and to sign up for the games.

It will be held at the home of Michelle Brooks, 4110 Mystic View Ct., Hayward

Tel# 510-581-8511

ALLOW 5 OR 10 MINUTES EXTRA TO GET THERE—this is a new location for us.

Directions---Bailey Ranch is near the top of Hayward Blvd. If you are coming up Carlos Bee/Hayward Blvd. Our development is above the Fire Station and little park, across from the Prominence development and just below Stonebrae Elementary School. There are 2 big signs saying “Bailey Ranch” at the entrance and Mystic View Court is the first Right after you enter. I am the next to the last house at the bottom.

BOOK GROUP MEETING

The Book Group will meet Monday afternoon, April 20th, From 2-4, at Margaret Hankle, 2244 Heathrow Place, San Leandro. Mary Krieg will review

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

WOMEN'S ISSUES
IN THE 114TH
CONGRESS

With
Kelly Watkins, Assistant to Congressman
Eric Swalwell, (CA 15)

Thursday, May 7th, 2015 at 7PM
Lynnewood United Methodist Church
4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton

AAUW priority issues: Student Loan Debt; No Voucher Schemes;

Protect Students from Bullying and Harrassment; Support Paid Parental
Leave for Federal Workers; Raise the Federal Minimum Wage; Paid Family
And Medical Leave; Paycheck Fairness; Paid Sick Days Legislation;
Campaign Finance and Immigration Reform; End Violence Against Women;
End Sexual Assault in the Military; Standup for Voting Rights

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Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin (CA) Branch

Extra parking is available on the west side of and behind the church



techtrek!
science & math camp for girls

SOUPER SUPPER

TE- FRIDAY May 22, 2015

TIME- 6 TO 9 PM

PLACE- CASTRO VALLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

18550 REDWOOD ROAD
(REDWOOD AND SEVEN HILLS ROADS)

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Meet our 2015 campers--hear stories of camp from last year's girls—get updates from former campers

ENJOY A RELAXING EVENING WITH US!

COST- \$10 FOR MEAL WHICH INCLUDES SOUP, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERT AND BEVERAGE
WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF EVERYONE COULD BRING A FOOD ITEM OR DONATE SUPPLIES
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THANKS AGAIN FROM TECH TREK

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25319 Morse Court, Hayward, CA 94542

NAME _____ GUESTS _____

AMOUNT SENT \$ _____ PHONE # _____

BRINGING _____ SOUP _____ SALAD _____ DESSERT _____ BREAD /BUTTER

_____ PAPER GOODS

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 News

Want to engage soon-to-be graduates?

Why not host a [graduation party](#) for your local campus? Reach out to local student organizations, the women's center, or e-student affiliates for your guest list. You can give them all the gift of membership through the [Give a Grad a Gift Program](#), and get them a fabulous [graduation cord](#) so they can sport AAUW colors with pride as they walk. Give the students in your life a warm welcome into the AAUW community!

Membership Renewal Time

It is Spring and it is time to renew your membership in AAUW so that we can continue our great work on behalf of women and girls. We will continue to send 5 seventh grade girls to Tech Trek Camp this year, to give a \$1,000 scholarship to a student leader from Chabot College to send her to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Baltimore in June, and to plan more programs like our recent highly successful programs on Human Trafficking.

We are in the electronic age and so those of you who have email addresses will be receiving an email invoice from National. The dues this year are as follows: \$49 for National, \$20 for State and \$15 for our branch for a total of \$84.

Of that amount, \$46 are tax deductible. You will receive instructions how to pay your dues electronically.

Paid Life Members owe \$20 for State and \$15 for branch for a total of \$35.

Fifty Year Life Members are not required to pay any dues, but a donation to the branch would be appreciated.

For those of you who do not have email and those who choose to pay by check, please send your check for \$84 made out to AAUW to me at 4473 Hillsborough Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546.

Ursula Batz

AAUW LAF EXPRESS

Affirmative Action May Be Headed Back to the Supreme Court

After two years, the affirmative action case [*Fisher v. University of Texas*](#) may be back before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2008, Abigail Fisher applied for admission to the University of Texas, Austin. After she was denied admission, she filed suit against the university, claiming that the university's race-conscious admissions policy was unconstitutional. The Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit upheld the policy, and Fisher appealed to the Supreme Court. AAUW signed an [amicus brief in support](#) of the university's policy. In 2013, the Supreme Court sent the case back to the 5th Circuit, holding that the appeals court had not used the proper analysis in examining the case.

In summer 2014, the 5th Circuit issued a new opinion upholding the university's policy, and Fisher again petitioned the Supreme Court to hear the case. The Supreme Court is likely to decide later this year whether the case will go forward or whether the 5th Circuit's ruling will stand. Stay tuned for more information.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation](#) to help balance the scales of justice.

AAUW ACTION

NETWORK

You Did It!!

When the House votes on reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), harmful voucher amendments will NOT be a part of the bill.

Thank you for contacting your representatives and letting them know: Public education funding should not be redirected to private and religious schools that can discriminate against which students they accept and which teachers they hire on the grounds of categories protected by our civil rights laws.

This is a big victory. No one watching this debate thought we would be able to stop the House Rules Committee from adding the voucher amendments to the bill for consideration by the full House

But because of the quick mobilization by AAUW's e-advocacy network and other education advocates, we were able to stop the amendments before they even went to the floor.

Your voice – our voices – made the difference. [Share AAUW's Facebook post](#) to show your network that when we all come together around a common goal, we can do amazing things.

AAUW WASHINGTON

UPDATE

February 27, 2015

Top Stories

President Announces Plans to Protect Workers' Retirement Savings

On Monday, AAUW attended an event at AARP where President Obama [announced](#) that he will direct the Department of Labor (DOL) to revise the "conflicted retirement advice" regulations to better protect workers and their retirement savings. Financial advisors are supposed to act in the best interest of their clients by recommending quality investments. However, as it currently stands, financial advisors can legally direct clients toward retirement plans that are not in the clients' best financial interests and accept a back-door payment or hidden fees for doing so. This means that consumers end up with bad financial advice and potentially lose money while their financial advisor reaps the benefits. In the coming months, the DOL will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking so that the public can weigh in on the best approach to modernize the rules on retirement advice and set new standards.

With Equal Pay on the National Stage, Media Turns to AAUW for Expert Analysis

When wage equality received national attention this week [following the Oscars](#), news media across the country quickly turned to AAUW's equal pay research and sought out AAUW's policy expert for commentary. National news outlets including [CBS News](#), [Huffington Post](#), and [MSN.com](#) cited AAUW's research, and [Variety](#) interviewed AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa M. Maatz. At the local level, Phoenix affiliate ABC15 interviewed AAUW member Jodi Liggett about the gender pay gap, AAUW's work on equal pay, and what individuals can do to close the pay gap.

March 6, 2015

Fifty years ago this week in the state of Alabama, more than 500 marchers began a 54-mile trek from Selma to Montgomery to take a stand against the systematic disenfranchisement of African Americans in communities all over the state and across the South. The peaceful marchers were met by police in riot gear at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The dramatic images from what is now known as Bloody Sunday helped provide a catalyst for the passage of the bipartisan Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Voting Rights Act would become one of the most successful civil rights laws in American history, an indispensable tool for protecting the right to vote and combating voter discrimination into the 21st century. But the legacy of Selma has been undercut by the Supreme Court's 2013 *Shelby County v. Holder* decision, which gutted the Voting Rights Act.

We saw the clearest impact of the Supreme Court's decision in the 2014 midterm elections, when voters in many states faced restrictions at the polls that weren't there during the 2010 midterm elections. These voting restrictions contributed to historically low voter turnout, especially among women, minorities, young voters, and the elderly.

That's why on the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, AAUW is calling on members of Congress to [support the Voting Rights Amendment Act](#) as a way of honoring the Selma marchers and all others who have fought for voting rights throughout the decades.

[You can join the call by sending a message to your representative today.](#)

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Oral Arguments in *King v. Burwell* Begin at the Supreme Court

On Wednesday, AAUW [joined](#) allies at a rally outside the Supreme Court as the justices [heard](#) oral arguments in *King v. Burwell*. The question in this case is whether the federal government was able to issue tax credits to millions of Americans who purchased health insurance in states where the federal government is running the health exchange. The plaintiffs argue that the language in the Affordable Care Act stipulates that only those who are enrolled in state-run health exchanges are eligible for tax credits. The Supreme Court's decision, expected in June, could determine whether millions of Americans who cannot afford health insurance without these subsidies will be able to continue to access health care. AAUW joined 67 other organizations in submitting an [amicus brief](#) arguing that tax credits should be available in all exchanges, noting that a decision restricting the tax credits to state-run exchanges would have [significant implications](#) for women's health and financial standing, as well as the health and well-being of their families.

AAUW Participates in White House Launch of International Girls Education Initiative

In recognition of the profound positive impact of educating girls, the White House partnered with the Peace Corps, USAID, and other organizations to launch [Let Girls Learn](#), a new initiative aimed at expanding existing efforts on international girls education to reach adolescent girls. AAUW Vice President of Fellowships, Grants, and Global Programs Gloria Blackwell attended the White House launch event on Tuesday in place of AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda Hallman, CAE. AAUW members also participated in a conference call today with senior White House staff to hear more about the initiative, in advance of International Women's Day on

Sunday. Research has consistently shown that additional education for girls is correlated with lower maternal mortality and infant mortality rates, lower rates of HIV/AIDS, and other improvements in a country's and its people's well-being.