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Welcome to the month of March and Women’s History Month which had its origins as a national celebration. In 1981 Congress authorized the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.” In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress designated the month of March as “Women’s History Month.” AAUW’s mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research has advanced women’s history since 1881.



Equity is still an issue. Our branch is excited to be working with “My Sister’s Keeper”. an on-campus student group at Chabot College to host an Equal Pay Day event on Tuesday, April 10th. Our goal is to make pay equity a relevant issue for students by showing that Caucasian women are still earning 78 cents to every dollar, while women of color fare even worse, with Hispanic/Latino women earning a mere 54 cents to every dollar earned by their male counterparts. This situation MUST to be

addressed and changed! AAUW salutes Starbucks for their March 2018 announcement to ensure a workplace with paid leave and pay equity policies, not just nationwide but globally. They are proving to be a corporate leader for gender equity. Read more about the Starbucks announcement at <https://www.aauw.org/article/starbucks-commits-to-pay-equity/>

Change is up for a vote. The AAUW National Board of Directors put three proposals for bylaws amendments for a vote. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments, believing the changes will help keep AAUW vital as an organization, and enable AAUW to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls. The proposed amendments address: (1) creating three-year staggered board terms; (2) opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership; and (3)



eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the AAUW website. Make your voice count and have a say in the future of AAUW. In April 2018, AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. Before voting begins you have the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments or propose your own amendments and resolutions on this site. **Be on the lookout for your voter PIN in April and check back in June for**

the results. Please take the time and VOTE! Go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> for more information.

The Hayward Castro Valley Branch of AAUW and the
Castro Valley Library invite you to

Escalation

Film Screening & Conversation

The **One Love** Approach

1 IN 3 ADOLESCENTS will be a victim of
relationship abuse in the United States.

More than **1 IN 3 WOMEN** and **1 IN 4 MEN** will
experience relationship violence in their lifetime.

You can help change the statistics.

Escalation is an engaging film that transforms the way
we view and discuss the unhealthy relationship behaviors
people see in their lives every day. Join us for this special
event so you will know the signs and learn how to start a
conversation that could save a life.

Where:

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave.
Castro Valley, CA

When:

Tuesday,
April 17, 2018
6 to 8 pm



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other accommodation, please contact
the library at least 7 days in advance at
510-667-7900 / TTY 888-663-0660.

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Student Debt Showdown: AAUW's 2018 March Madness Bracket



March Madness, the annual NCAA Division I basketball tournament, took place last month, and while we were excited to see who came out on top in the games, we also wanted to see how the schools stack up for women students! This year AAUW used the tournament to highlight a common struggle facing many college women: student debt.

We calculated the median student debt held by women when leaving each competing school. In each matchup, the school whose women students left with more debt is knocked out of the tournament, while schools where women held less debt advance. The outcomes reflect a number of factors, including school commitments to financial aid and student demographics. Our Final Four schools are a diverse mix of institution types — public and private, religious and secular. While student debt is influenced by many things, institutions across sectors can work to reduce the debt burden their students must take on.

College helps women get ahead and improves their economic security, but it comes at a significant cost. AAUW's 2017 report [*Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*](#) highlighted how student debt uniquely impacts women. Our analysis found that women are more likely to take on debt and on average take on more debt than men across degree levels and institution types. And because of the gender pay gap women have less disposable income with which to repay their loans after graduation, requiring more time

to pay back their student debt than men need. As a result, women hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the United States — more than \$800 billion. Black women take on more student debt on average than do members of any other group.



DRAMA READING

This month we will meet on April 11th at 1:30 to read Neil Simon's play "I Ought to Be in Pictures".

Written in 1982 and later made into a movie, Grandmother has nothing to say when Libby tells her that she is off to LA to look up Dad, a Hollywood screenwriter. Grandmother has been in a New York cemetery for six years and Dad has been out of Libby's life for 16 of her 19 years. It is a great comedy and everyone is invited to join us at Liz Bathgate's home.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS:

Penny Peck and Liz Bathgate interviewed two women for our scholarship. We decided that both of them deserved this chance to further their leadership skills. We need to raise \$1,500 to defray the expenses of sending a second girl. We are asking you to send a check to Liz Bathgate made out to AAUW for whatever amount you can spare, to help pay for their conference expenses and air fare.



Taufa Setefano is a Tongan woman who is majoring in English and Communications at Chabot College. She tutors in the Comm. Lab and gets experience helping others with learning these skills. She is the first generation in her family to attend college. In her culture women usually are not encouraged to take leadership roles, so she wants that to change so women can be proud of becoming a leader. She plans to become a teacher.



Lesly Avendano has held a number of leadership roles in school. She is interested in community empowerment and became a learning assistant and tutor for Ethnic Studies at the Learning Connection. She hopes that NCCWSL will give her a voice to empower others as well as herself. She is a Political Science major and hopes that this conference will inspire her to continue her work as a strong female.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM:

On Saturday March 24th we had 55 people from the community and our membership attend a wonderful panel discussion on Trafficking. There were great questions after the panel was completed and the audience stayed the entire two hours to make sure that they didn't miss anything.

RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE:

On Tuesday April 17th at 6:00pm we will be sponsoring a movie about student relationships and cues that can let you know when a relationship is not healthy. **(See Page 2 of Newsletter)**

We have advertised this to the schools and the community, so if you have a relative who is of school age, this might be a very valuable program. Please know that a girl is killed by her boyfriend at the end of the movie. A lady from One Love Foundation will hold a discussion period after the movie. Our members can bring cheese and crackers or fruit for the audience. I will bring the left over cookies from the other program and will purchase sandwich rounds.

MEMBERSHIP

News from National: BECAUSE OF YOU, WE STAND 170,000 STRONG!!

1. AAUW WORK SMART is expanding to reach millions of women across the country to help them negotiate for fair salaries.
2. 270,000 messages went out to lawmakers last year from AAUW members and supporters calling for stronger, safer laws for women and girls.
3. The gender pay gap will never be ignored again thanks to AAUW's groundbreaking report THE SIMPLE TRUTH about the GENDER PAY GAP.
4. You're standing with survivors in the critical #MeToo movement by making sure AAUW is poised to defend women of all backgrounds from sexual harassment and assault through legal advocacy and public policy progress.
5. As a member, you're inspiring thousands of up-and-coming women leaders on campus thru AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders which draws nearly 800 diverse college women each year. Our branch has been sending a woman from Chabot College to this conference for five years.

Whether your heart lies in being a voice for women facing discrimination and harassment, fostering women's leadership careers, challenging harmful policies on Capitol Hill, or helping girls pursue their dreams in math and science, know that your membership in AAUW matters. Your support is taken seriously and that is why AAUW plans to invest in even more women through our programs, funding, and advocacy in the year ahead.

AAUW is proud of the prestige and progress that 136 years in the women's empowerment field has earned us. They are even prouder of the energetic and determined community we've become thanks to committed individuals like us.

Our dues structure is changing. National Membership is rising by \$10.00 for the first increase in a decade. The cost for National will be \$59 with \$56 being tax deductible. Our local dues will stay at \$15 and the state dues are \$20.00. The total due by June 30th will be \$94.00.

You will be receiving a secured link through your email and will be able to pay your dues at that time. Do nothing now.

Those of you who are Life Members (50) years owe nothing. Those of us who are Paid Life Members will owe \$35.00. Students at Chabot and Cal State owe nothing since their college is a member Nationally.



Tech Trek Campers Selected

The Tech Trek Committee (Dee Butner, Sylvia Ginwright, Linda Hendley, Helene Victor and Judy Harrison) spent one day narrowing the field of about 50 applicants from 4 districts to 14 outstanding girls to be interviewed. From the 14 we selected 7 girls and one alternate to go to camp at Sonoma State from June 24 to June 30. Our final interviews took place for 8 hours on March 17 and was continued for 3 more hours on March 18 when we made our decision. The finalists were all exceptional and if the college could accept and the branch could afford them we would have sent all 14 girls. The campers for 2018 are:



Hayward:

Deszarae Coleman Anelalani Vares Yahaira Najera
Bret Harte Ochoa Winton



Castro Valley:
Aiana Pillay
Creekside



Zi (Chloe) Qiao
Canyon



San Leandro:
Christalie Marpa
John Muir
Manor



San Lorenzo:
Noreen Gomez
Washington

**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 20, 2018 FOR OUR ANNUAL TIPS FOR CHANGE
DINNER AT GIANNI'S ITALIAN BISTRO, SAN RAMON!**

FORUM ON PROP 13

Helen Hutchison, President of the League of Women Voters of California, and Ben Grieff, Campaign Director and Spokesperson for Evolve, will speak at a Forum on The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018, a ballot initiative designed to reform Prop 13.

The Forum will be held on April 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hayward City Council Chambers, City Hall, [777 B St.](#)

Proposition 13 was passed in 1978. It limits the increase in property valuations to 2% annually and market value reassessment can only occur with change of ownership, but a loophole in the law allows big businesses to pocket billions of dollars annually.

The Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters Eden Area and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rita Duncan, Program Co-Chair, League of Women Voters Eden Area, at freemyheart@yahoo.com.



Announcing the 18th Annual Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Garden Tour on Mother's Day weekend!

The Tour will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 11th and 12th, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Tickets cost \$35 if purchased before May 4th; \$40 thereafter. Outstanding gardens in Alamo and Danville will be featured. Among the many highlights: a sculptor's garden containing fascinating basalt rocks and original artwork, a garden that features garden rooms with extensive and diverse plantings created by a self-described "hoardaculturalist" and another garden with spectacular views and an incredible garden on an acre-sized hill plot. Flowers make us all happy but one owner has used that as motivation for her update. Please plan on attending, and bring a mom!

Mail your **\$35** (before May 4) check payable for to: "**AAUW Fund**" with a self-addressed, stamped business sized #10 envelope to: AAUW Garden Tour, PO Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507. Starting on April 10, tickets will be at East Bay Flower Company at [206 Sycamore Valley Rd W.](#)

[Danville](#) (Livery Shopping Center) with cash or checks only. Or you can purchase them online with credit card: <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/payment/> and the ticket will be mailed to you.



Questions? email: daw.aauw@gmail.com. No children under 12. Tour is help rain or shine. Our profits from the spring Garden Tour go to help fund one of the largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW Fund. It provided more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2017–18 academic year. Contact Tena Gallagher, Garden Tour Chair (925) 837-0826 (land), (925) 878-5161 (cell).

MEMBER NEWS

On Thursday, March 29th, Betty Spees passed away after her third bout with cancer. Betty joined our branch in 1961 and was our President in 1994-95 and in 1995 she was awarded the City of Hayward Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award. She was active in PEO, as well as AAUW where she portrayed Elizabeth Cady Stanton in our Women in History Project from its inception. She was very active in our branch and used to host the Cabernet and Chocolate evening where we raised money for the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Betty was an elementary school teacher and an accomplished cellist, and playing in a trio with Evelyn Gertler. She moved to Redmond WA 13 years ago, after Keith died, to live near one of her daughters. She passed away at her daughters Lorelle's home surrounded by her family.

You could not find anyone with a more positive attitude than Betty. She always had a kind word for all her friends.

Her remembrance service will take place on April 29th in Santa Nella at the Mission de Oro. More information on the time and directions will be sent to those of you who want to go. Please let Liz Bathgate know if you want to go.

Three of our members are recovering from a variety of health issues.

Mary Krieg was hospitalized with an infection and then the flu. She is back in her apartment at Casa Sandoval and is doing well.

Sara Kaplan had a bad fall and broke her arm, which has kept her from enjoying her violin.

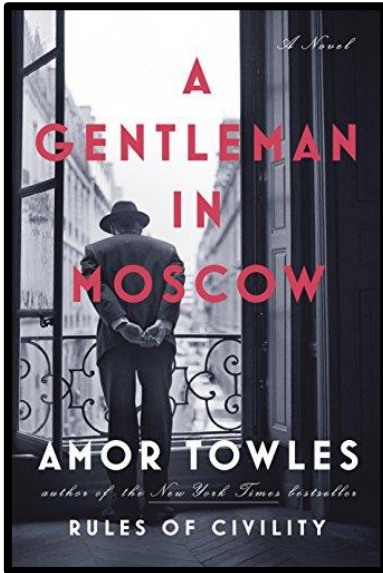
Ruth Kuffin had hip replacement surgery in early March and looks forward to walking without pain.

We wish all three speedy recoveries and return to favorite 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 atbb_jones@pacbell.net. Let's let our friends know we care.



BOOK CLUB

The April meeting of the branch book group will be on Monday afternoon, April 16, 2-4 p.m. at the home of Pat Buchanan. [30847 Prestwick Avenue, Hayward](#). Refreshments will be served.

Barbara Jones will review Amor Towles' bestselling historical novel *A Gentleman in Moscow*.

All branch members are invited to join the group for a special afternoon of wonderful friends, delicious treats, and a stimulating discussion of books. If you are a regular member who is unable to come, you are bringing a guest, or are new to the group, please call Pat at (510) 471-5963. Your courtesy helps our hostess plan refreshments and seating.

See you there!



Friday, April 20th

6:30-9:00pm

Dee Butner's House

[4789 Rollinghills Way](#)
[Castro Valley CA 94546](#)

Please notify Dee and she will help you decide what to bring--appetizer, dessert or wine or soft drink. Bring 5--\$1.00 bills to play with. There are money prizes at the end of the game.

Easy Directions--Come 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 two short blocks and turn right on Rollinghills Way. Dee's house is the yellow one on the corner.

Hope to see you there!