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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE POWER TO REINVENT YOURSELF?

Joli Drevitch, the 2019 recipient of our branch scholarship to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Baltimore, in June, sure did. Joli, a sophomore at Chabot College, grew up in the Bay Area in a very difficult family situation. She was adopted as an infant, but as a youngster was kicked out of her adoptive home, ending up in the foster care system where she suffered many physical and emotional hardships. Having seen the negative circumstances that life can throw at us, she is working towards a degree in Psychology and dreams of becoming a social worker, a foster mom, and working with battered women. She also works a couple of jobs to make ends meet and shows great promise in achieving her goals. Her story just goes to show that reinventing yourself does not happen in a day; it happens one day at a time.



Come meet Joli at our **Souper Supper on Friday, May 17** (see p. 3 for details). Hope to see everyone there.

## AAUW CALIFORNIA 2019 ELECTIONS



The three-week voting period for AAUW CA elections begins Monday, April 22, at 9 AM and ends on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5 PM. AAUW CA provides every member the opportunity to vote once electronically, with phone voting for those who cannot vote online. Candidate information is available online by clicking <http://www.aauw-ca.org/2019-candidates/>

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1. Each member with a valid email address on file with National AAUW will receive an email message containing a personal invitation to vote. There will be a link to click that will take you to the ballot.
2. Members without a valid email address on file will be mailed a postcard with information about how to vote online or by phone. Call the AAUW California Office at 916-448-7795, after April 22<sup>nd</sup>, to vote by phone. You will need your AAUW Member ID in order to vote.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...continued



### AAUW ANNOUNCES 2019-20 FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS AWARDEES

AAUW announced awardees for the 2019-20 Fellowships & Grants on April 15. AAUW provided 259 awards and \$4 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2019–20 award year! This exceptional

group of recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the US and around the world.

*Linda Slater,*  
H-CV Branch President

### DRAMA READING

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**



**When: May 16, 1pm**

**Where: Liz Bathgate, (510) 581-0461**

This month the play is really a book written in 1994 by **Heather Raffo**. She explores the precarious status of women in the wake of Islamic Fundamentalism. It has 9 characters and captures both the complexity and the variety of practices among Muslim women in different countries, while also puncturing a number of western stereotypes. She based her writing on her experiences among Muslim women of the Middle East. It deals with cultural and religious practices and in parts is critical of cultural practices related to the oppression of women.

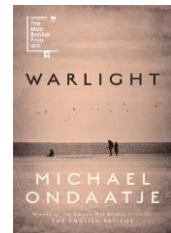
*It should be a really interesting afternoon learning about these 9 women and their lives.*

### BOOK CLUB

**When: May 20, 2-4pm**

**Where: Helene Victor, (510) 886-1640**

This will be the final book group meeting until September. This is a group read of **Michael Ondaatje's** 2018 national best-selling novel, ***Warlight***. Brenda Senturia will facilitate our discussion. Refreshments will be served.



If you are new to the group, are a regular member who cannot attend, or will be bringing a guest, please call Helene at 886-1640. Your courtesy helps our hostess plan seating and refreshments. Thank you.

The book group will not be meeting during the summer. Our first meeting of the new year will be on Monday afternoon, September 16. Full details of that meeting will be announced later in the summer. *Have a wonderful summer!*



HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY BRANCH INVITES YOU TO

# SOUPER SUPPER



## Make a difference

**Help our Local Scholarship send a student to NCCWSL**  
(National Conference of Collegiate Women Student Leaders)

- **Meet Joli Drevitch**, our 2019 Local Scholarship Recipient
- **Share** a favorite **Soup** or **Salad**
- **Donate** a **dessert** for the auction
- **Buy** a **dessert** to **raise funds**

**RSVP to Linda Slater** at  
[lindajslater2@gmail.com](mailto:lindajslater2@gmail.com) or  
510-435-6150

**Friday, May 17, 2019**

**5:30 – 8 PM**

**Faith Lutheran Church  
Jensen Hall**

**20080 Redwood Road  
Castro Valley, CA**

# High Tea at Golden Tea Garden

*Let's enjoy High Tea* together and support Golden Tea Garden, a local, woman-operated business in Hayward. The place is charming, with a fascinating collection of tea china and accessories.

**Total price per person = \$39.50** (includes tax and tip)

**Reservation are required and all reservations must be PREPAID.**

**Please RSVP to Pat Macsata by May 4**

Phone (510) 278-5477

Email [patmacsata@briarmediallc.com](mailto:patmacsata@briarmediallc.com)

**Make check payable to Pat Macsata**

**Mail check by May 9 to**

17212 President Drive

Castro Valley, CA. 94546

**When**

*Saturday, May 18, 2pm*

**Where**

*Golden Tea Garden*

**2630 Main Street**

**Hayward**

*High Tea Menu*

- ☞ Warm scones served with Devon cream, lemon curd, and preserves
- ☞ Six tea sandwiches
  - Rosemary Parmesan Chicken Salad
  - Turkey with Guacamole, Pineapple and Cream Cheese
  - Roast Beef
- ☞ Fresh fruit
- ☞ Brownie
- ☞ Petit four
- ☞ Cheesecake
- ☞ Candied fruit and nuts

## IMAGINE AN AMERICA WITHOUT A PAY GAP!

It is common knowledge that a woman in the United States makes 80 cents per dollar made by a man of similar qualifications. The pay gap is worse for women of color. In an era when women make up nearly 50% of the workforce, this pay gap burdens individual family finances and the economy.

***The question to ask our elected officials is not whether we as a society can afford to pay men and women the same income for the same work. The question is, how can we afford not to?***

***How would closing the pay gap be expected to impact families?***

- ✓ 60% of working women and 66% single working mothers would see an increase in their pay
- ✓ Poverty rates for working women would drop by half from 8% to 3.8%
- ✓ Poverty rates for single working mothers would drop from 28.9% to 14.5%

***How would the US economy benefit?***

- ✓ Closing the pay gap would increase gross domestic product an estimated \$500 million, roughly 2.6% of the GDP of our entire nation.
- ✓ The increase in women's earnings would be roughly 16 times what federal and state governments spent in 2015 for temporary assistance to needy families.

Source: The Impact of Equal Pay on Poverty and the Economy 2017, Institute of Women's Policy Research.



# MEMBERSHIP

## MEMBER DUES

**Liz Bathgate**

Each year in May and June, we ask that you pay your yearly dues. The dues are \$94.00, which includes local, state, and national membership, and \$56.00 of the national dues is tax deductible. The other \$3.00 of the national dues goes for lobbying on capitol hill on behalf of women's issues like equal pay and title IX, and the remaining \$35.00 is state and local branch dues.

- ✓ Members who are **Paid Life Members** need only pay the state and local dues totaling \$35.00.
- ✓ Members who are **50-year Life Members** do not have to pay any dues.
- ✓ If you have a family member or friend who is graduating from a college this June, you can give them a **Give a Grad a Gift Membership** for free. Just contact me, Liz Bathgate at (510) 581-0461, and we will get it done.

I am sending the message to National to send out the Dues Renewal Email. The email will have the information you need to pay online using your credit card. If you do not want to pay online, you may send me your dues with your check made out to AAUW. Send it to 22112 Queen Street, Castro Valley 94546.

**We are expected to have the dues paid by June 30th.**



## 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 needs to be reminded we are here for him/her, please contact your corresponding secretary **Barbara Jones** at (510) 538-0516 or by email at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Let's let our friends know we care.