

September 2019



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# The Shareline

## President's Message

Welcome to Branch Program Year 2019/2020. This is an important year, historically and politically: (1) We celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920 (<https://www.thoughtco.com/womens-suffrage-victory-3530497>); (2) We vote in the 59<sup>th</sup> quadrennial Presidential elections, scheduled for November 3, 2020; and (3) We citizens of California, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, will vote in the primary elections on March 3, 2020 a move designed to increase the influence of the country's most populous state in deciding presidential candidates.

In anticipation of this busy, important year, your Board and interested members met on July 27<sup>th</sup> to plan informational meetings/forums and collaborative events of interest to branch members, that raise awareness in our community, and solicit funding to support our AAUW programs. Below is an outline of the Branch plan. Thank you, Linda Slater, Liz Bathgate, Helene Carr, Ursula Batz, Helene Victor, Judy Harrison, Pat Macsata, Rita Sklar, Shirley Lustig, Sara Lamnin, Evelyn Gertler and Connie Rusk, for your participation and excellent ideas.

### Informational Forums/Meetings:

The consensus is to focus on **Climate Change and its many solutions**. We align with the AAUW Strategic goals of Education, Economic Security, and Leadership by bringing the issue of climate change to the forefront for upcoming elections, educating individuals on how they can improve their contribution through local programs, like recycling, and encouraging young people to take active leadership roles on this issue. Here are some potential activities/forums/events.

1. September 21, 2019 – **International Peace Walk and Climate Crisis Event**, 10 am Lake Chabot Park. Sponsored by Eden Interfaith Council and East Bay Regional Parks. AAUW will participate in the walk. Work with Castro Valley High School's S.M.A.R.T. Environmental Club to also participate.
2. September 24, 2019 – **National Voter Registration Day**. Partner with LWVEA to register voters. Collaborate with Cal State Sustainability Coordinator to register voters on campus.
3. Plan a tour (date TBD) with **Alameda County Industries (ACI)** and learn about their facility and ideas on how and where to recycle everyday items. ACI handles recycling for all of the unincorporated areas.

4. Sponsor a **Recycle Boutique and fundraiser** (Date and Venue TBD) to sell items made from or used for recycling materials and/or minimizing the use of plastics.
5. March 3, 2020 – **Super Tuesday**. Partner with LWVEA to promote and facilitate candidate forums and pros and cons events since Climate Change is an important topic this election.
6. Participate in the **non-profit roundtable at the Hayward Historical Society** to tap into other local programs and events for collaboration.

## Collaborative Events:

The consensus is to focus on collaborative events to attract a wider audience and new members.

1. March 8, 2020 – **International Women’s Day**. Our Branch will again collaborate with Dining for Women, the City of Hayward, LWVEA, Eden Interfaith Council and Ghazni Sister City for International Women’s Day. The topic will be International Human Trafficking.
2. April 2020 – Partner with **Alameda County Interbranch Councils (IBC)** to host a tea, a speaker, or a Women in History program to honor the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

If you have an interest in any or all of these informational forums, meetings, or events, and are available to help coordinate and implement, please contact me at [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net). Thanks.

## Fundraisers:

The Branch has four (4) areas that require our fundraising efforts – Tech Trek, Local Scholarship for the National Conference of Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), and AAUW Funds - Educational Foundation (EF) and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

## Tech Trek:

Last year, our branch gave \$7,000 towards summer camp for seven (7) local 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Sonoma State. This is our largest philanthropic venture.

1. August 19, 2019 – **Tips for Change fundraiser for Tech Trek at Gianni’s** in San Ramon. All tips and contributions go to Tech Trek.
2. Format and distribute a **fundraising letter to local technology companies** to encourage their donations for Tech Trek. Follow-up with a personal phone call. Obtain a list of businesses from the Hayward Chamber of Commerce.

## Local Scholarship to NCCWSL:

Last year, our branch gave a \$1,600 scholarship to one (1) Chabot College student to attend the NCCWSL conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The scholarship covers registration, airfare, accommodations and spending money.

1. Utilize available **fundraising programs** from Recyclable companies, See’s Candies, Starbucks, Flower bulbs, candles, etc. to raise funds for NCCWSL.
2. Hold a **dine out at a local restaurant** for a percentage of profit.

## AAUW Funds – Educational Foundation:

Last year, our branch gave over \$13,000, including a \$2,000 branch donation, but mostly this was from single member donations. Thank you! The committee is not recommending any specific fundraisers for EF this year.

## AAUW Funds – Legal Advocacy Fund:

Last year, our branch gave a \$1,000 donation to the fund.

1. Leverage interest in a **Title IX program at the local college or university, like soccer**. Volunteer to work in the snack bar for a percentage of the till.

The goal is to ensure the Branch is strongly supporting the programs, but not soliciting funds exclusively from members. We want to expand our visibility in our communities by including local business, our friends, family and neighbors to lend their support too.

If you were unable to attend the planning session, but have an idea for a program, event or fundraiser please send it to me at [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net). The Board cannot coordinate and implement these ideas in a vacuum. Please consider giving your time to support 1 or more of the ideas. We value and appreciate your participation. Thanks in advance.

Linda Slater,  
H-CV Branch President

## Upcoming events

### Annual Volunteer Recognition



**Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6 pm in the St. Rose Hospital Grand White Tent** is the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Volunteer Recognition and Awards Dinner. The Hayward-Castro Valley Branch will honor Rebecca (Becky) Bell as our “Heart of Hayward” for her outstanding editorial ship of the Shareline for the past two years. Becky surrendered her commitment to focus on her teaching career and education. We wish her all the best and thank her profusely for her time and talent as our Shareline editor.

*Please plan to come and help us honor her. More to follow regarding ticket sales.*

# International Peace Walk and Climate Crisis Event

**When:** Walk - 9:00 – 11:30 am (moderate difficulty, all paved) Day of Peace Celebration – 11:30 am – 1 pm

**Where:** Lake Chabot Regional Park – Cove Picnic Site; 17600 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley, CA

**Who:** All our welcome

**Fee:** Parking fee is waived, but carpools are suggested

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, the Eden Interfaith Council, Eastbay Regional Parks, Pax Christi, and Samuel Merritt University are hosting an International Peace Walk and Climate Crisis Event. AAUW has been invited to participate.

Register Online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/international-peace-day-and-wellness-walk>

The Day of Peace Celebration includes prayer, song and reflections on the impact of climate change on our health and world peace. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic lunch to relax and enjoy the celebration following the walk. Our branch participation, in this collaborative event, is the first in a series of events, programs, and forums surrounding the important topic of climate change. I hope many of you will be able to turn out to participate.



International Day of Peace

Join us for a day of learning, connection, and spiritual growth in nature. Interfaith leaders will lead us in prayer, song, and reflections on the impact of climate change on our health and world peace.

9:00 am - 11:30 am Multicultural Wellness Walk      11:30 am - 1:00 pm Day of Peace Celebration

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

Lake Chabot Regional Park - The COVE picnic site  
17600 Lake Chabot Rd Castro Valley, CA 94546

Boat rides      Games & Crafts      Singing      Snacks      Free Parking

Register online: [internationalpeacedaymcwww.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/internationalpeacedaymc)

Questions? Contact: Leslie Brown  
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510-879-9200 ext. 7335

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 Eden Area Interfaith Council

 East Bay Regional Park District



The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to celebrate and honor our 2019-2020 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients!



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – DANVILLE**

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

**12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM (Check In at 11:30 AM)**

**RSVP by September 20, 2019**

**Crow Canyon Country Club  
711 Silver Lake Drive – Danville, CA 94526**

**Meal Selection (choose one):**

- Sunburst Chicken Salad with Berries, Oranges
- Vegetarian Sunburst Salad

**AAUW FUND LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

1. Register online through Eventbrite at <https://2019-aauw-fund-danville.eventbrite.com> – OR -
2. Complete this form and mail your \$45.00 check (payable to AAUW CA) or credit card information to 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code (on back) \_\_\_\_\_

For questions about the event, please call the AAUW CA Office at 916-448-7795.

**If you would like to carpool or need a ride, please contact  
Liz Bathgate: (510) 581-0461 or lbbathgate@att.net.**





## Book Club

**When: Monday, September 16, 2-4 pm**

**Where: Olive Riley-Steward's home**

After a summer of catching up on favorite reading activities, branch book group members will begin a new season of sharing those books and enjoying pleasant afternoons with good friends. Members will briefly share a book they recently enjoyed and, the group will select four books as group reads over the year ahead. Those who wish to review a favorite book will have the opportunity to sign-up and select a date for the review. Refreshments will be served.

All branch members are welcome to join this always-enthusiastic branch interest group which meets the second Monday of each month, except in December, June, July, and August. If you wish to join us or have questions, please call or email Barbara Jones at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net).

If you are a regular member but cannot come on September 16, please let Barbara know. Keeping our hostess informed about attendance helps her plan refreshments and seating. Your courtesy is appreciated.

Further details about this meeting will be sent to all group members a week before September 16. Looking forward to seeing you there as we organize another fine year of books and friendships.



## Drama Reading

**When: October 17, 1:00pm**

**Where: Liz Bathgate's home**

Our wonderful band of merry thespians meets on the third Thursday of every month starting in October. We are assigned the role we each will read. At intermission, we enjoy homemade refreshments before we read the last act. Everyone is welcome to join in the great fun!



## Dining Out

**Thursday, September 26, 12 pm, at The Ethiopian Restaurant, 2955 Telegraph, Berkeley.**  
**For more information and menu, see: [themenustar2.com](http://themenustar2.com)**

Please join us for a special excursion to Ethiopia for lunch near the Oakland/Berkeley border. This restaurant offers a variety of meats and vegetable dishes served with the delicious injera bread which is used as a scooper.

Liz has offered to arrange carpools. Please bring cash, and respond by Monday, September 23, if you are coming.

Leave a message on my landline: 510/278-5477, or send an email to: [patmacsa@briarmediallc.com](mailto:patmacsa@briarmediallc.com)

Happy Dining!



**Welcome and Welcome Back:** Catch up with friends and meet new members at our fall Ice Cream Social. We will also hear from the 7 Tech Trek Campers about their amazing camp experience and how Tech Trek changed their lives.

# Ice Cream Social



**TECH TREK**

Come meet the Trekkers and hear about their adventures in camp

**DATE:** Saturday, September 28, 2019

**WHERE:** Faith Lutheran Church  
20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley

**TIME:** 2 pm to 4 pm

**RSVP:** Judy Harrison:  
jharrison663@comcast.net





The Tips for Change at Gianni's Italian Bistro dinner was held on August 19. It was a very successful evening that brought in \$4,223 in tips, money from the raffle and our 10% portion of the bistro's take. There were about 70 people there, down from the previous year's attendees, but they were very generous.

This event was so successful because of the supreme effort of Liz Bathgate to find willing servers for the evening. We needed 7 and got 6 and made do with that. These amazing servers were celebrity server, Sara Lamnin (Hayward City Council Person), Helene Carr, Liz Bathgate, Daphne Butler and her sister Patty, and Hannah Burnett, Ursula Batz's granddaughter.

Dee Butner's 11 beautiful baskets were fantastic sellers, making over \$500. Remember we will be looking for more basket donations for next year so put your thinking caps on.

Many thanks to the Tech Trek committee: Dee Butner, Sylvia Ginwright, and Helene Victor for all of their support. And many, many thanks to every person who attended this fun event. You are the reason we can send so many girls to camp each year.

**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 24, 2020 for next year's Tips for Change dinner! And look around for potential servers for the event. Kids and grandchildren 21+ are perfect!**

## Membership



If you have not yet renewed, you may do it by sending Liz Bathgate a check made out to AAUW for \$94.00 or by going online to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) and clicking MSD.

At this critical time in our lives, AAUW is more important as an organization than it has been for years. Our National organization is pushing Pay Equity through a couple of initiatives. The one where we can all participate is called Work Smart.



All of us can go online and take this course to show ways that we can achieve pay equity with our male colleagues. Even if you have no intention of looking for a job, you will glean helpful information for working with our AAUW branch. If you are still in the workforce, you will find AAUW's initiatives relevant to help you boost your salary.

We need to encourage our younger friends to join AAUW and reap the benefits we all enjoy: Friendship – Mentorship – Intellectual Stimulation and Meeting Like-Minded People.



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