

Hayward/Castro Valley Branch
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August 2020

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The Shareline

Gianni's
ITALIAN BISTRO

Order Take Out from Gianni's Italian Bistro on Monday, August 24 and
10% of sales and all tips go to AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley
Pick Up and delivery available from 4:30 to 7:30 pm

MONDAY, AUG 24
tips for change
take out event

BENEFITTING

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AAUW HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY TECH TREK PROGRAM



On **August 24th between 4:30 and 7:30 pm** our branch is hosting our 5th annual Tech Trek fundraiser "*Tips for Change*" at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. Past year events have generated over \$3,000 for Tech Trek.

This year will be a **take-out event** as we all continue to shelter in place.

To place your online order, go to <http://ow.ly/BLBy50zElet> or the website at www.giannissanramon.com. For phone orders call (925) 820-6969. Wine, cocktails, the full take out menu and family packs are available.

Gianni's generously ensures that all orders generate **100% of all tips, and 10% of all sales for Tech Trek**, so please tip generously.

Also, please consider, buying two (2) entrées - one for dinner on the 24th, AND a second entrée for dinner on another evening. A win-win!

If we can arrange for pick-up and delivery of your dinners, would you be willing to order them online or via phone as take-out meals? Gianni's delivery service exclusively serves the Cities within 5 miles of San Ramon. So, if any of you are concerned about driving and picking up your order, we have a solution that will make it easy for you to participate.

Judy Harrison and I are offering a pickup and delivery service, to members, for orders ready on the hour at 5 pm, 6 pm, and 7 pm only. However, if you have a family bubble and can order for all, we suggest selecting your own driver to pick up your family's/bubble's meals.

Tech Trek Success Story



Kimberly Babasa was a star Tech Trekker in 2015! Now she has been awarded the 2020 Marilyn Gise scholarship from Scholarships, Inc. It's good to know that our Branch put her on her educational and job path when she was 12 years old. We do good work! Here is her heartfelt note to Tech Trek Coordinator, Judy Harrison:

Hi Ms. Judy,

I've been trying to find a way to get in touch with you. Participating in Tech Trek was no doubt essential in cultivating my academic aspirations in the STEM field. This year I was awarded a scholarship under Ms. Marilyn Gise. After learning that she was a part of AAUW, I wanted to reach out and share my utmost appreciation with you, Tech Trek, and AAUW. What a small world we live in! I feel as though you all have always been a part of my educational journey. Tech Trek has given me a glimpse of what college life would be like five years ago. Now, I feel you all once again are enabling my scholarly successes. And I am immensely grateful.

Starting this Fall, I will be attending the University of California, Berkeley, in the College of Letters and Sciences. During my time there, I intend to finish the Biology + Business program, which will allow me to receive both degrees: Molecular & Cell Biology, B.A, and Business Administration, B.S.

After a long time of trying to figure out the career I wanted to follow I concluded that I have a strong desire to become an emergency medicine doctor. Right now, I'm looking into taking BLS classes to begin EMT courses soon. I trust that becoming an EMT will be a great way to introduce me to the health care system and to start my medical career.

Please do share my hellos and thank yous to other AAUW members and Tech Trekkers. I'm looking forward to hearing from you again.

Wishing you the best,

Kimberly

2015 Tech Trek Student

Congratulations to Kimberly Babasa for receiving the 2020 Marilyn Gise Scholarship from Scholarships, Inc. The scholarship honors Marilyn, a long-time AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch member as well as member of Scholarships, Inc.

President's Message

Welcome back to our August Shareline. I hope you are all healthy, and staying safe, yet finding fun and interesting things to do. This has been a summer fraught with turmoil. A serious pandemic continues, and the unwarranted death of George Floyd sparked a national protest unseen in this country since the Civil Rights Movement. The chant, Black Lives Matter, is on everyone's mind. For me it's been a soul search. Do I have an implicit bias of privilege as a white person in our society? I did not think so, but the Black Lives Matter movement has raised some interesting questions for me. Do I embrace the narrative of black lives in our shared history? Do I acknowledge the race inequities inherent in business, education, resources, and services in the country? And most importantly, do I allow racism, either blatant or implied, to go unchallenged? These are my questions. You may have others.

I believe, wholeheartedly, that our members abhor racism, inequality, and inequity, we are members of AAUW after all, BUT what are we doing collectively and individually to make our AAUW branch more inclusive and relevant to our community. Our membership is primarily white. Why? I know our programs like Tech Trek and our local scholarship to the National Conference of Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) try to reach youth and young women of color to provide the wonderful opportunities these programs offer. That is a good thing and we need to keep it up. The big question for me is: what do we need to do to be more relevant to adult women of color who want to join an organization that advances equity for women and girls?

I believe one way is the planning of programs and events that appeal to a broader audience. It is in reaching out to the broader community and inviting women of color to join us. It is, also, in the welcoming and caring that we encourage women to stay and be part of our organization long term. I joined AAUW because I valued the mission, vision and values of the organization, and I wanted to be part of making our community a more equitable place to work and live. Can AAUW do better at being inclusive, of course. Let us make it happen! Join your Board; work on a committee; plan an event; or start a new interest group. Each of us can make a difference. Thank you for being a part of our collective solution.

Linda Slater, Administrative Officer

Upcoming events



Virtual Tea

You are invited to a Virtual Tea on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 via Zoom. Grab your teacup and join us to share ideas on how you are spending this summer. Our meeting will begin at 2:00pm, and last no longer than one hour.

Send Pat Macsata your confirmation of attending no later than August 10, and you will be sent a link to join for an informal visit and catch up on news. We can also discuss if we want to start a virtual lunch in September.

Confirm to: patmacsata@gmail.com by August 10th.

Have you heard of the Suffragist Matilda Gage? Probably not!



This August we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees women the right to vote.

As part of my summer reading, I discovered the book, ***Born Criminal***, by Angelica Shirley Carpenter. How strange to discover a woman named Matilda Gage worked relentlessly to secure voting rights for women from 1852 to the 1890's yet most of us have never heard of her. Together with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony, Matilda Gage founded the National Women's Suffrage Association. Along with the two famous feminists, Matilda also co-authored three volumes of the ***History of Women's Suffrage***, the first volume of which was published in 1881. Mrs. Gage was a prolific writer and powerful public speaker.

Only recent research and scholarship has uncovered the contributions of Matilda Gage. Get acquainted with her biography to find how she was almost erased from history.

Submitted by Pat Macsata

Good News



The Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution was officially adopted on August 26, 1920: the culmination of a decades-long movement for women's suffrage at both state and national levels. It guarantees that no state can deny the right to vote on the basis of sex.

On August 26, 2020, our country will celebrate the 100th anniversary of this historic accomplishment. To honor and highlight the women who worked tirelessly to bring about the 19th Amendment, and celebrate the lives of women down through the years since its passage, I'm attaching a link to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY, birthplace of the women's rights movement.

<https://www.womenofthehall.org/women-of-the-hall/>

Please enjoy some time viewing the stories of remarkable women who have fought for, upheld, and legislated the rights for women in our country to vote, own property, run for office, and be equal partners in our democracy.

Marian Anderson

Year Honored: 1973

Birth: 1897 - 1993 **Born In:** Pennsylvania

Achievements: Arts

First African American singer to perform with the Metropolitan Opera. An international star, Anderson was a brilliant musician whose talents helped shatter the color barrier for other African American performers.

Social Media

Do you have a Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter account? If so, **have you Liked and Followed our Branch pages?** That's right, your branch has a Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter page for posting/tweeting narrative, pictures, and videos from AAUW, but also from other partner organizations like LWVEA (League of Women Voters of the Eden Area).

So please, while you upload photos of your kids and grandkids, or search for interesting online museum tours, take a minute to search for AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch, Inc. then click the Like button and follow our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages. You will immediately start getting important information to be shared with your own page feed which you can then share with your network of family and friends. Happy browsing!

Planning Meeting Recap

The Branch annual planning meeting was held Saturday, July 11th from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm via Zoom. Branch president Linda Slater moderated the meeting. The following members were in attendance: Liz Bathgate, Helene Carr, Helene Victor, Pat Macsata, Sandy Boswell, Sara Lamnin, Nancy Turner. We wished for a broader attendance from the branch, but were able to get a lot done.

Financial Report

The first presentation by branch treasurer Helene Carr was the year-end financial report.

Name	Budget	Income	Expenses
Scholarship	\$1,833	\$ 1,833	\$0
AAUW Funds	\$3,260	\$13,074	\$13,074
Community Events	\$1,500	\$ 1,605	\$ 1,500
Branch Operations	\$2,258	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,298
Tech Trek	\$7,300	\$ 7,667	\$0
CD Balance		\$10,073	
Checking Balance		\$ 6,935	
Prudent Reserve		\$ 5,000	

\$0 expenses for Scholarship and Tech Trek were due to cancellation of programs by COVID-19. Thank you to our members for generously giving to AAUW Funds. We exceeded our budget.

Membership

Our second presentation was by membership coordinator Liz Bathgate. She reported we have 77 paid members, as of June 30th, and 12 Life members. New members are Dolly Adams and Josie Diaz. Liz was sad to report that the Give-a-Grad-a-Gift program is no longer supported by National.

Tech Trek

Our third presentation was by Tech Trek coordinator Judy Harrison. She reported that we had chosen seven (7) girls for camp, but because camp was cancelled due to the pandemic, the branch will provide certificates and camp bears to each girl in lieu of participation. Our annual fundraiser “Tips for Change” will be a Take Out event at Gianni’s on August 24th from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. See flyer.

Tech Trek Mentor Program

Linda Slater presented the Stockton Branch Tech Trek mentor program that won them a special State award in 2020. Stockton Branch's program follows their Tech Trek girls from eighth grade thru high school. For success they limit Tech Trek to only 3 girls each year, so the number of girls served in the mentor program remains consistent at 15-16. They do events with the girls every month and budget \$7,000 to cover all their expenses. Linda outlined the pros and cons:

The Pros:

Tracking them thru high school
Lots of activities
Engage branch volunteers

The Cons:

Keeping the girls interested
Requires more fundraising
Attracting branch mentors

Should our Branch attempt to replicate? It was decided to put it on hold for now. If we do it in the future, we can make it our own and not be so formal.

AAUW 5 STAR Program

Linda Slater presented the program which has been in existence since the 1990's. The program rewards branches for aligning their work with the AAUW Strategic plan and Mission. There are 5 areas of focus: Programs, Advancement, Communications, Public Policy, and Governance.

PROGRAMS:

Group ideas for programs. We would need to do 3-5 of the programs.

1. Panel on Title IX Final Rule. Panel in the works with AAUW CA slated for January 11, 2021. More information to follow.
2. A Panel of current and former Tech Trek girls
3. A follow-up event with Aileen Rizzo, Legal Advocacy Fund recipient.
4. Invite, Ignite, Emerge, and Close the Gap: a leadership panel about women running for office.
5. Suffragist in History: Author event with Angelica Carpenter who wrote about getting out the vote in celebration of the 19th amendment.
6. Pay Gap – Women of Color (Rosie Rios)
7. Host a virtual tea each month.
8. Women's History Trivia night (Emerge Fundraiser)
9. Social media project with LWVEA (League) to get out the vote. In progress.
July: voter access and repression – non-political
August: 100th anniversary of 19th amendment about voters' rights
September: Pro's and Con's
October: Fill our mail in ballot info.
November: Vote

In addition, AAUW CA is hosting 22 virtual workshops on-line for this coming year.

ADVANCEMENT: 2 criteria must be met

1. \$30 per capita gift for greatest needs for National AAUW
2. Retain 90% of branch membership and all dues paid by 9/30
3. Increase Legacy Circle Members by 10%

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS:

1. Current website and social media presence
2. Add Work smart to website home page
3. Post monthly to social media
4. Focus on Economic Security

PUBLIC POLICY AND RESEARCH:

1. Appoint a public policy chair who works with state chair
2. Host a public policy event where action network signups are collected
3. Include our U.S. Representative in our strategic planning
4. AAUW advocacy tool kit – do action network signups at Pros/Cons
5. Issue – Reopening schools!

GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY:

1. Align planning with state and national strategic plan
2. Plan for board to initiate succession plan to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in future leadership.

HOW CAN YOU HELP:

The meeting ended with information on how each member can support the branch:

1. Accept a Branch leadership role.
2. Volunteer to help a Branch committee, program or event.
3. Suggest a program idea that aligns with AAUW's strategic plan.
4. Start a new branch activity group

Member News

It is with sadness that we announce that branch member, Jean Turner, passed away on July 5. Jean graduated from UC Berkeley and first joined AAUW for a short time in the 1950's in Salem, OR. She raised 5 children while traveling the country due to her husband's job transfers. She was a

substitute teacher and participated in various community organizations wherever they lived, including many years in Castro Valley. Jean rejoined AAUW in 1982 with the Placentia - Yorba Linda branch in S. California, and was continually active in branch leadership. She joined the Hayward-Castro Valley branch in 2013 following her move to San Leandro after her husband's death. Here she participated in book group, loved attending fundraiser events such as Souper Supper and Tips for Change, and really enjoyed her time playing bunco. Jean recruited two of her daughters, Linda Slater and Nancy Turner, into AAUW. Her enthusiasm for our organization will be missed by the many members of AAUW that knew her. Her service will be held live via Zoom from 1st Presbyterian Church of Hayward:

Saturday, August 15th at 1PM.

Join with video:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87938470216>

Meeting ID: 879 3847 0216

Join with audio only:

(669) 900 6833

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If you know of a member with an occasion or accomplishment, anyone 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 510.538.0516 or by email at bb_jones@pacbell.net. ***Let's let our friends know we care.***



**PANDEMIC TAKE OUT
DINING EVENT**

Benefitting

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**Hayward/Castro Valley
Tech Trek Program**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24
PICK UP YOUR ORDERS BETWEEN
4:30 PM AND 7:30 PM**

Tech Trek is a one-week STEM camp for 7th grade girls designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in this field. They live in dorms as college students and participate in challenging hands-on activities throughout the week.

Presenting Tips for Change Take Out event. To place your order go to www.giannissanramon.com or call 925-820-6969. For online orders click on "**order online**" button, then click on delivery or pickup. Be sure to **Click on August 24**, then choose your items and your desired time for pickup or delivery. (Wine and cocktails available to go.)

Please place order by Saturday August 22 so the chef can be prepared.

As always, all tips and 10% of sales go to support the cause. You will enjoy a wonderful dinner to go and support Tech Trek.
It's a **Win-Win**.

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