



"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

William James

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Upcoming Events



Center for Applied History Presents The Wanda Washington History Conference



MAY 6, 2022 9 AM - 5 PM

*Via Zoom - Link to be shared the morning of May 6th
on the Conference website.*

Click a Link to Join a Session.

40 student presenters sharing unique historical perspectives.

From **4 - 5 PM** there will be a scholarship presentation. Our 1st **AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Patricia Ball Memorial Scholarship** for \$1,500 will be awarded to a deserving history student.

"Each year, the Department of History awards nearly \$20,000 in scholarships and awards; this year is no different. For the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year, the Department will award ten scholarships. Our newest endowed scholarship, the AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Patricia Ball Memorial Scholarship, is of special interest." ---

Jason Daniels Scholarship Chair for the Department of History.

[Click to View Conference Website](#)

MEET, EAT & DECIDE

Please join your Board as we celebrate the legacy donation from Patricia Ball and decide our goals for the remaining funds.

Wed., June 1, 2022, 6:30 - 8 PM

Heritage Plaza Park, Hayward

(under lattice, across from C St door of main library)

Bring your camp chairs, a cozy sweater, and enjoy a box dinner, on the branch, while we decide how to utilize the remaining portion of Pat Ball's legacy gift.

The Branch has \$45,000 to divvy up for funding branch programs, doing outreach, and holding fundraisers for Tech Trek, AAUW funds, and special programs.

Please RSVP to Linda Slater @ slaterl@sbcglobal.net. An email about choosing a box dinner will follow RSVP.



Patricia Ball

January 24, 1925 ~ March 23, 2021
Lifetime AAUW Member, History Teacher, and legacy circle donor of the AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Patricia Ball Memorial Endowed Scholarship
(A Permanent Endowment)
CSUEB History Department

[Read Patricia's Obit](#)



AAUW California Annual Event

On **Saturday, April 30th**, from 9 - 2 pm it will be a Zoomfest experience featuring rock star speakers like former AAUW Public Policy director Lisa Maatz, a plethora of awards for a plethora of accomplishments, news on the advocacy front, and our three (3) Speech Trek finalists, throughout the day, who will prove that teenagers think and care about more than TikTok.

We'll also journey into uncharted waters with Adventures in AAUWLand breakout sessions. Choose your own adventure by popping in and out of more than 20 freewheeling conversations hosted by members who have things they want to talk about! Got your hiking poles?

Then click [HERE](#) to learn more and register!

Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

The drama reading group will meet on **Thursday, May 12, 2022, beginning at 1:00 PM** at Liz's home 22112 Queen St in CV.

The May read is **Agatha Christie's** play "**The Unexpected Guest**".

When a stranger runs his car into a ditch in fence fog in South Wales and makes his way to an isolated house, he discovers a woman standing over the dead body of her wheelchair bound husband, gun in hand. She admits to murder and the unexpected guest offers to help her concoct a cover story. But is it possible that Laure Warwick did not commit the murder after all? If so, who is she shielding? The house seems full of

possible suspects.

Dessert will be served. Please RSVP to elisabethbathgate@icloud.com.



Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:30 PM at Linda Myers home at 26248 Stryker St. in Hayward.** The meeting will also be on Zoom for those who choose to join remotely.

The group will be discussing the non-fiction book ***Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand.** The book is a biography of the Thoroughbred racehorse Seabiscuit. It won the William Hill Sports Book of the Year and was adapted as a feature film in 2003.

Please RSVP to slaterl@sbcglobal.net. The Zoom link, for those attending virtually, will be sent out the week of the meeting.

News of the Month



Tech Trek recruitment went digital this year with moderate success. Our chapter sent 18 nominations to the state from teachers in three school districts. The state sent out applications to all of the girls nominated and we received 9 completed applications back. We ask for 7 spaces at Sonoma State and were able to select all 9 girls for camp.

Canyon MS: Fleur Joseph and Amirah Multani
Creekside MS: Arielle Fong
M. L. King MS: Noorulein Zubair
Winton MS: Claribel Amodei and Pritanshu Chand: Virtual Camp
Washington Manor MS: Yasbella Layson: Virtual Camp
Lyanna Li: Alternate

The Virtual Camp students were not part of our 7 reservations for Sonoma State which made our job easier. Our stalwart committee, Linda Hendley, Helene Victor and Judy Harrison spent 6 hours conducting Zoom interviews. We were impressed with the caliber and enthusiasm of the girls we interviewed and were thrilled to be able to select all of them.

Tech Trek Virtual Camp June 19-25 & July 24-29

Virtual Tech Trek is the newest week-long camp in AAUW California's STEM offerings. Developed in response to Covid 19 in 2020, the cloud-based camp served 40 girls in its pilot year (2020) and nearly 600 in its state-wide inaugural year (2021). With a similar hands-on STEM and social learning focus as the campus-based Tech Trek programs, it provides campers remote access to activities, new friends, virtual field trips, and role models to help foster STEM engagement and interest in STEM studies and careers without ever having to leave home (other than to pick up your camp supplies)!

If you're interested in volunteering before, during, or after camp, please contact us! Tech Trek is only possible because so many people volunteer their time and expertise to make camp happen. Residential Camp volunteer opportunities are full.

AAUW Dues are Increasing

It's not quite time to renew your membership dues (which we know you will do), but just a heads-up that **AAUW National's dues will increase \$5 to \$67 for 2022-2023**, out of which \$64 will be tax deductible.

California state dues, although not tax-deductible, will remain the same at \$20.



Your Board

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President's Message

May is National Mental Health Month

Mental Health Month raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Mental Health Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives, and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. Mental health is essential for a person's overall health. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from mental disorders and live full and productive lives.



Just Thoughts



In solidarity with the people of Ukraine, I wanted to reshare this graphic from the March AAUW California Connection.

March brought the start of spring, but also the passing of Madeleine Albright, the first female Secretary of State. Although her tenure was not without controversy, the same could be said of all the men who preceded her!

April brought the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court. It is a truly historic event, yet long overdue. Further, her confirmation process underscored the racism and sexism that still work to keep women – and especially women of color – out of positions of power. Even with her confirmation, we are all too well aware that reproductive rights for women are significantly in peril with new restrictive policies being passed or considered in Mississippi, Idaho, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Tennessee.

Take Good Care,
Linda Slater, President

"There are also women I have never met but who are recorded in the pages of history and whose lives and struggles inspire me and thousands of other working women to keep putting one foot in front of another every day." — Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

Member News:

It is with great sadness that we report the passing, in March 2022, of member **Ardeen Russell-Quinn** from complications of a UTI and not eating. Services will be held at her home church in Woodland, CA. Ardeen had been a member since 1978 and remained a member even after she moved to Woodland. Condolence cards can be sent to her spouse Ralph Quinn at 1753 Woodside Dr. Woodland, CA 95695-5127

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 our corresponding secretary, Tammy Tribbles, at Tammy@thetribbles.com

This is especially important during these pandemic times when we are isolated from our branch friends and not enjoying our usual meetings. Let's show our friends know we care.