



"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

Abraham Lincoln, Former U.S. President

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AAUW California Fund Events

AAUW Fellowships and Grants

AAUW awarded \$6 million in Fellowships and Grants this year to 320 recipients. 39 of these are in California.

There will be four (4) Zoom meetings featuring many of these recipients as speakers. We will hear fascinating stories of their research and have an opportunity to schedule one (1) of them as a speaker for our bi-branch luncheon, with Fremont branch, on February 4, 2023.

Oct 15 10am - 12pm
Oct 22 10am - 12pm
Oct 23 1pm - 3pm
Nov 12 10am - 12pm

This is your chance to see where your AAUW Fund dollars go!

[Read Grant Recipient Bios](#)



[Register for an AAUW Fund Event](#)

Stay-at-Home Fundraiser for Tech Trek



Our Branch is hosting a **stay-at-home fundraiser for Tech Trek**. There is no need to get in your car to drive anywhere or put down that great book you're reading. Just stay-at-home and support the best AAUW program ever: Tech Trek!

Tech Trek is a fun, interactive, in-person or virtual camp for 7th grade girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). In the last couple of years, we have been fortunate to send seven (7) girls to camp, thanks to the generosity of our members.

Your donation of **\$1,000** will send one (1) girl to in-person camp.
Your donation of **\$400** will send one (1) girl to virtual camp.

Your donation, **of any \$ amount**, will go a long way to meeting our goal of sending seven (7) more deserving 7th grade girls to camp during summer 2023.

Hope we can count on you? Please send a check, made out to *AAUW Tech Trek*, to:

Helene Carr, Treasurer
PO Box 642
Hayward, CA 94543

Thank you for supporting the Tech Trek program! Join us on **September 25th** to meet our Tech Trek girls in person. Masking and social distancing requested.

Membership Matters



The Hayward-Castro Valley values you too much to lose you as a member of AAUW. Please consider renewing your 2022-23 membership TODAY (if you haven't already).

This vital organization, which advances equity for women and girls, is strongest when we all join together. Please renew online or make your dues check payable to **AAUW-HCV**:

Renew **BY CHECK**: Mail to Liz Bathgate, membership chair, at 22112 Queen St. Castro Valley, CA 94546. Regular member \$102; Life member \$15; Dual member \$15.

Renew **ONLINE**: Go to [Login - AAUW](#)

Questions? Send an email to elisabethbathgate@icloud.com

Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

DRAMA READING RETURNS:

On Thursday **October 13th** we will, once again, meet in person at my home to read a play at **1pm**. This year we will have 9 plays to read throughout the year.

The play for October is "*The School for Wives*" by Moliere, first performed in 1662. It is a comedy presenting a pedant Arnolphe, so frightened of women that he decided to marry his ward, Agnes, a girl entirely unacquainted with the ways of the world. The delicate portrayal in Agnes of an awakening temperament, all the stronger for its absence of convention, is a marvel of comedy, as are Arnolphe's clumsy attempts at lover's talk.

Questions? Please contact elisabethbathgate@icloud.com.

Evening Book Group



The Evening Book Group will meet on **Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6:30 PM** on Zoom.

The group will be discussing the book ***The Talented Mr. Ripley*** by **Patricia Highsmith**. The Talented Mr. Ripley is a 1955 psychological thriller. It is the first book starring the iconic anti-hero Tom Ripley, a small-time con man and master manipulator whose skill with people and manipulation allows him to get access to power and influence. Focusing on Ripley's first major con, The Talented Mr. Ripley establishes the main character and explores themes of identity, obsession, and the psychological impact of attempting to become someone else.

Please RSVP to slaterl@sbcglobal.net. The Zoom link will be sent out the week of the meeting.



Dining Out Group

October is Indigenous Peoples Month so the October Dining Out will be at the new **Ohlone Cafe** on the UC Berkeley Campus. Luncheon is served on only two Thursdays a month, right now, and lunch tickets are purchased in advance. Pat was able to reserve six (6) already filled spots for Thurs. October 13th. You may contact Pat to be put on a wait list. Below is an article about the new cafe.

[The New Cafe Ohlone Honors Indigenous Food and Family on a Grand Stage - Eater SF](#)

Planning for a November dining out event is in the works. Look for an email from Pat Macsata @ patmacsata@gmail.com

Get the Word Out about Prop 1

Did you know that a **constitutional amendment** to protect **reproductive freedom** will be on the ballot?

WHY YOU NEED TO ACT

Prop 1 will amend the state constitution to ensure the state can never deny or interfere with an individual's right to make their own reproductive choices.

TAKE ACTION!

Learn more about Proposition 1 by scanning the QR code.




Learn More And Take Action



GOTV
Get Out The Vote

The AAUW California public policy committee has initiated a social media program to ensure California voters have all of the information needed to be well informed. The campaign includes weekly social media messages to help educate voters about the propositions supported by AAUW, and to Get Out the Vote!

This week's hashtags are #Prop1, #vote.

Reminders:

- Educate yourself on Proposition 1 by clicking [HERE](#).
- Sign the pledge to vote YES on Proposition 1 by clicking [HERE](#).

To post this message to your social media account.

1. Right click on the image above.
2. Choose "Save image as" to download the image to your computer.
3. Go to your social media account and share the image from your download folder.

Don't have a social media account?
Don't let that stop you! Just forward this Shareline to your friends and family!

President's Message

Your Board

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Register to Attend a Candidate Forum

League of Women Voters Candidate Forums

We are fortunate that the Leagues of Women Voters

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AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch board meetings occur on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

All branch members are encouraged to attend board meetings.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.



throughout Alameda County have banded together to host free candidate forums for all of the local offices on the ballot November 2nd. I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to get to know YOUR candidates.

Sat. Oct 1 10 AM AC Transit At-Large, Ward 3
At-Large: Alfred Twu, Joel Young
Area 3: Stewart G. Chen Sarah Syed
Host: LWV Alameda County

Mon. Oct 3 6 PM State Senate 10th District
Lily Mei, Aisha Wahab
Host(s): LWVFNUC/ LWVEA

Wed. Oct 5 6 PM/ 7 PM
Hayward Unified School District
Full Term: April Oquenda, Araceli Orozco, Ken Rawdon, Tom Wong
Host: LWVEA

Th. Oct 6 6 PM San Leandro Mayor
San Leandro Unified School Board
SL Mayor: Bryan Azevedo, Christopher Bammer, Juan Gonzalez III, Lee Thomas
SLUSD Area 2: Abbey Kerins, Jackie Calderon Perl
Host: LWVEA

Sat. Oct 8 9:30AM
Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD)
Fairview Fire Protection (FFP)
AC Transit, Ward 4
EBMUD, Ward 7
ETHD Area 3: Gordon A. Galvan, Roxanne V. Lewis
Area 5: Ed Hernandez, Chike Udemezue
FFP: Robert Clark, Michael D. Justice, Leilani Nguyen
AC Transit Ward 4: Murphy McCalley, Barisha Spriggs
EBMUD Ward 7: April Chan, Corina Lopez, Matt Turner
Host: LWVEA

Tu. Oct 11 6 PM 20th Assembly District
Shawn Kumagai, Liz Ortega
Host: LWVFNUC/LWVEA

Wed. Oct 12 6 PM BART Director District 6
Elizabeth Ames, Shyam Chetal, Lance Nishihira
Host: LWVFNUC/ LWVEA

Th. Oct 13 6 PM San Leandro City Council
District 1: David L. Anderson, Sr., Kenneth Pon, Celina Reyes
District 3: Victor Aguilar
District 5: Xouhoa Bowen, Monique Tate
Host: LWVEA

Sat. Oct 15 10 AM Castro Valley School Board
East Bay Regional Park District
Oro Loma Sanitary District
CVUSD: Gary Howard, Sara Raymond, Tina Sachs
EBRPD: Gina M. Lewis, Daphne Lin, Dennis Waespi
OLSD: Mimi Dean, Rita Duncan, Bob Glaze, Fred Simon, Dan Walters, Shelia Young
Host: LWVEA

Public Policy



WHEN WOMEN VOTE WE CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

AAUW California supports the passage of Propositions 1 and 28 on the November ballot in California.

Proposition 1. The decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn Roe v. Wade dealt a serious blow to the rights of women to make their own decision about their bodies. This spurred many state legislatures to act to ban abortion, some with no exceptions for rape, incest, or endangering the life of the mother. Abortion bans in other states have already taken effect. Yet polls in many states show a majority in support of protecting the rights of women to choose to have abortions. Currently women are coming from other states to obtain abortions in California. An Abortion Access website is being formed in our state to enable and assist out-of-state women with travel arrangements, housing, medical appointments and other matters. California Legislators, recognizing the remote possibility that at some future time state legislation could ban abortions, took timely action in June to pass SCR 10. This put Proposition 1, the Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom, on the November ballot. Passage of Prop 1 will amend the California Constitution, stating "Section 1.1 is added to Article I thereof, to read: SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection."

AAUW CA has begun a Social Media campaign to educate and encourage voters to support Prop 1. Weekly messages contain important facts. If you don't use social media, we urge you to email the messages to others who do!

Proposition 28. In the context of AAUW CA's Public Policy Priorities in support of Education, AAUW CA supports Proposition 28, The Arts and Music in Schools – Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. Studies on educational achievement prove that arts and music education improve student learning. Music education has been shown to improve cognitive development and spatial reasoning while the dramatic arts improve reading comprehension. Arts and music education has also been shown to improve school attendance and individual self-confidence and motivation to learn, particularly among poor and other at-risk students. Yet these programs are usually the first cut when school budgets are reduced. Prop 28 would provide a minimum source of annual funding coming from the state General Fund to K-12 public schools to supplement arts education programs. School districts would be held accountable to use the funds for hiring certificated employees and purchasing supplies and materials. Read the full propositions on the Secretary of State website, www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures

Become informed, and Vote on November 8, 2022!!

PLEASE NOTE: There was an error in the AAUW California September Newsletter article. The article provided a link to National's Get Out the Vote Toolkit, however the link was to their old site. The site has been updated and the new and correct link is: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit/> .

AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

September 15th kicked off **National Hispanic Heritage Month**, a time for celebrating the history and culture of Americans with ancestors from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

There are several dates of importance within the monthlong period: September 15 is the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. And Mexico and Chile then mark their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively.

To celebrate, you can learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month, frequent Hispanic-run small businesses in your area, or read about some famous Hispanic Americans throughout history.

Check out a new book, ***Brown Enough* by Chris Rivas**. *Brown Enough* is a roller coaster of finding one's true self while simultaneously having a racial awakening amidst the struggle to be "perfectly" Latinx, woke, and as Brown as possible to make it in today's America. It contains "True Stories About Love, Violence, the Student Loan Crisis, Hollywood, Race, Familia and Making It in America." Chris is an author, a podcaster, a storyteller, a speaker and an actor.

AAUW works to empower **women and girls** by promoting **gender** equity through research, education, and advocacy.



Hispanic History Milestones: Timeline

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 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.

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