



"Democracy is based upon the conviction there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people."

Harry Emerson Fosdick, American Pastor

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Your Vote! Your Voice!

Check out Voter's Edge California

November 8, 2022, is the California General Election. We live in a Voter's Choice Act County. All registered voters will get a ballot in the mail. You have 3 ways to vote:

- Mail your ballot
- Drop off your ballot at a secure ballot drop off location in the county starting Tuesday, October 11
- Vote in person or drop off your ballot at any Vote Center in your county. Vote Center locations start opening on Saturday, October 29



Check out Voter's Edge California, a comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in the state of California, to make your choices. It is a joint project of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) and MapLight.

Click [HERE](#). Enter your Zip Code. Find YOUR ballot.

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 studying in California. There is one (1) more opportunity to hear the fascinating stories from the recipients themselves.

Nov 12 10am - 12pm

This is your FINAL chance to see where your

[Read Grant Recipient Bios](#)



AAUW Fund dollars go!

One of the recipients will be asked to speak at our Bi-Branch luncheon (with Fremont branch) on **Saturday, February 4, 2023**. Mark your calendar!

Send the name of your favorite recipient speaker to Linda at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

Register for November
AAUW Fund Event

Stay-at-Home Fundraiser for Tech Trek



Do you love Tech Trek as much as I do? Then please contribute to this worthwhile program during our **Stay-at-home fundraiser for Tech Trek**.

Branch members had a chance to meet five (5) of the seven trekkers (pictured above), and their families, at the Ice Cream Social on September 25th. All of the girls had wonderful things to say about their weeklong camp experience, and one mom spoke about the effect the camp had on her daughter's confidence and commitment to science and math. We were overjoyed!

As you know, 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.

Can we 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!

Membership Matters



The Hayward-Castro Valley values you too much to lose you as a member of AAUW. The last day to renew for 2022-2023 is November 15th (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

On **Thursday, November 10th at 1:00pm** the drama reading group will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 22112 Queen St in Castro Valley.

We will be reading *Snake in the Grass* by Alan Ayckbourn. Written in 2002, it is the story of a middle-aged older sister who returns to the family home where her younger sister still lives, shortly after their abusive father's death only to be confronted by a blackmail plot, which quickly escalates out of hand with grim consequences.

It is a short play so we will get thru it quickly. I will serve refreshments after the first act.

Please let me know if you can come so I can plan the dessert. Liz 510-581-0461. Questions? Email Liz at elisabethbathgate@icloud.com



Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM** on Zoom.

The group will be discussing the book **Grey Bees** by **Andre Kurkov**. With a warm yet political humor, Ukraine's most famous novelist presents a balanced and illuminating portrait of modern conflict.

Little Starhorodivka, a village of three streets, lies in Ukraine's Grey Zone, the no-man's-land between loyalist and separatist forces. Thanks to the lukewarm war of sporadic violence and constant propaganda that has been dragging on for years, only two residents remain: retired safety inspector turned beekeeper Sergey Sergeych and Pashka, a rival from his

school days. With little food and no electricity, under constant threat of bombardment, Sergeyich's one remaining pleasure is his bees. As spring approaches, he knows he must take them far from the Grey Zone so they can collect their pollen in peace. This simple mission on their behalf introduces him to combatants and civilians on both sides of the battle lines: loyalists, separatists, Russian occupiers and Crimean Tatars. Wherever he goes, Sergeyich's childlike simplicity and strong moral compass disarm everyone he meets. But could these qualities be manipulated to serve an unworthy cause, spelling disaster for him, his bees and his country?

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



Dining Out Group

Since October was Indigenous Peoples Month, Pat Macsata organized a luncheon at the new **Ohlone Cafe** on the UC Berkeley Campus. Six members shared an extraordinary experience at Ohlone Cafe. The sun came out and the atmosphere was stunning. The warm wood furniture and garden setting and sounds of birds set the scene as we were served warm glasses of nettle tea. We listened to the owner speak about his Ohlone heritage and memories. He explained the tasting menu in detail. Each of us received a fully plated meal of quail eggs, beautiful salad, trout, roasted potatoes, and warm oyster mushrooms. Dessert was a chia porridge with blackberries and coulis. It was a relaxing, fascinating meal and we were the last group to leave as the environment was so peaceful.

Brazilian Food!

Our Hayward-Castro Valley branch continues our monthly exploration of the rich variety of cuisines in our local area.

Our November Dining Out will be lunch at the **Rio California Restaurant in Preservation Park in Oakland on Wednesday, November 16th at 12 noon**. Underground parking is nearby. We will arrange carpools. Email Pat if you are coming: patmacsata@gmail.com.

President's Message

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The 2022 California Ballot Measures

The 2022 California General Election ballot has seven (7) propositions for consideration by California voters. If you are like me, you want to be fully informed.

We are fortunate that there are multiple ways to learn about and understand the ballot measures:

- Visit the **AAUW Action Fund** page to read the 2022 Voter Issues Guide outlining AAUW's seven (7) priorities issues at stake in the general election. Click [HERE](#).
- Visit the **California Secretary of State** page on

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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.



Qualified Statewide ballot measures to read the initiative, as submitted. Click [HERE](#).

- Visit the **California Secretary of State** page on Campaign finance: Propositions and Ballot Measures to read who is financing each measure. Click [HERE](#).
- Visit the **League of Women Voters of California** page What's on the Ballot? for an in-depth review of each ballot measure. Click [HERE](#).
- Visit the **Legislative Analyst's Office** for a straightforward analysis of a YES or NO vote on each ballot measure. [Click HERE](#).
- Watch a **YouTube video** like Ballot Talk: Pros & Cons by the League of Women Voters, San Diego. Click [HERE](#).
- There are many other YouTube videos, some partisan.

I hope you find these links helpful in deciding how you will vote on these Ballot Measures.

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

Voters Edge - Find YOUR State and Local Ballot Measures

Public Policy



2021-22 Legislative Session Closes with Big Wins for AAUW California

At the stroke of midnight on September 30, 2022, the 2021-22 legislative session officially came to a close as it marked the Governor's deadline for signing or vetoing bills. The AAUW California Public Policy committee is pleased to announce that we achieved a 70% success rate on the bills on our legislative agenda, and 25 of our 36 bills are now law, including 7 of our 8 top priority bills. The following is a brief

synopsis, by each pillar of our Public Policy Priorities:

Economic Security for All Women

8 of our bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, and 1 died in the legislature. The most significant bill under this pillar was AB (Assembly Bill) 92, which we co-sponsored. AB 92 was introduced in 2020, and became a 2-year bill, which is why it remained on this year's agenda. This bill originally sought a 1-year waiver of supplemental child-care fees for low-income families, with a request for a sliding scale to be applied thereafter. In his 2021 budget, Governor Newsom included \$120 million for 2-years' worth of waivers. The bill was then amended to request an additional year of waivers through October 2024, with a sliding scale to then be implemented. Unfortunately, the amended

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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