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maybe not the whole world, but their world”**

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June Community Events



San Leandro Cherry Festival

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

Parade from 10 AM - 11 AM

Festival from 11 AM - 6 PM

Located in Historic Downtown San Leandro

The San Leandro Cherry Festival is a long-standing San Leandro tradition celebrating our past, present and future! The first Cherry Festival was held in 1909. Many things have changed over the years but one thing that remains the same is the strong sense of community identity and pride the Cherry Festival brings to the San Leandro community!

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Hayward Russell City Juneteenth Celebration Music Festival

Saturday, June 17, 2023

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hayward City Hall Plaza

The West Coast Blues Society will present the Hayward Russell City Juneteenth Celebration music festival with jazz, blues, R&B and gospel performances, including a special guest appearance by the legendary Johnny Rawls, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Information, call (510) 472-8800 or visit www.westcoastbluessociety.org.

The festival will take place behind City Hall

Learn
More



“Your Wildest Dreams”

May through August 2023

Fridays and Saturdays 11 am-3pm.

Hayward Shoreline Interpretative Center

4901 Breakwater Rd. Hayward

The Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center is hosting an exhibit of paintings of wildlife by award-winning local artist Rita Sklar (www.ritasklar.com).

The show highlights the scenic beauty of California and beyond. Rita’s wildlife paintings have been featured at the California State Building in Oakland, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, the Oakland Zoo, and Tilden Park Education Center. Ms Sklar received a commission from the Alameda County Art Commission and two grants from the Oakland Cultural Arts Fund. Her paintings have been selected into national shows by acclaimed jurors. She has received over twenty-five awards for artistic excellence. The Alameda Fair granted her painting the “Best of Show” in 2022.

Make a day of it! Enjoy the trails around the Shoreline Center.

Free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible

Tech Trek News



Our Tech Trek committee, led by Judy Harrison, selected 7 Sonoma State campers and one virtual camper this year. The process was new for all involved because it was all online until the committee could interview the nominees in person. The new process kept the number of nominees to a minimum allowing the committee to select all of the girls interviewed. They are:

Srishty Banga, Canyon
Naomy Cervantes, Winton
Amalea Jue, Creekside
Khadeeja Kamal, Creekside
Danitza Lomeli, Winton
April Taylor, Bret Harte
Michelle Villalobos, King

Ayah Gregory was selected for the virtual camp.

The girls will be at Sonoma State from June 18-24. Virtual camp is July 23-28.

Patricia Ball Memorial Scholarship



On April 29, 2023, California State University East Bay awarded their history department scholarships. Our \$1,500 Patricia Ball Memorial Endowed Scholarship was awarded to **Samantha (Sam) Balderas**. Here is what she has to say about herself:

"I am Sam Balderas, I am 24 years old and from Oakland, California. I transferred from Merritt College last year and am now a history major in my second semester at Cal State East Bay, while also working as a student assistant in the University's Communications

and Marketing department. I am interested in World War II and Mexican history, and I hope to find work in a museum after I graduate next spring."

Congratulations Sam! The AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley branch is proud to be a part of your career pathway. Best of luck.

Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

On **Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 1:00pm** the drama reading group will meet at Liz Bathgate's home at 22112 Queen Street in Castro Valley.

The play is "**The Thirteenth Chair**" by **Bayard Veiller**. It was first performed on Broadway in 1916 and later adapted into a film in 1929. The play is a murder mystery that takes place in a seance room. The title refers to the empty chair left for the thirteenth guest who is believed to be the ghost of the victim.

I will serve refreshments during intermission. We will meet inside, and you are welcome to wear a mask if you feel more comfortable.

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



Book Group

The Book Group now meets in the afternoon.

We will meet on **Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss "**Horse**" by Geraldine Brooks. Pulitzer winner Geraldine Brooks's latest book is a sweeping tale that uses the true story of a famous 19th-century racehorse to explore the roots and legacy of enslavement.

Everyone is welcome. We are a small, but mighty group.

[Click HERE to Join Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 865 2257 3556

Passcode: 183344

Hope to have you join us. Please RSVP to slaterl@sbcglobal.net.



Dining Out Event

Dear Branch members:

Dining Out is taking a break in May. We will be dining again soon.

Pat Macsata

President's Message

Your Board

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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. Contact Linda for Zoom information.

All branch members are encouraged to attend board meetings.

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



Right to Read (Every) Day

Monday, April 24, 2023 was the inaugural Right to Read Day. All across the country, readers, advocates, and library lovers take action to protect their right to read freely.

On the same day, the American Library Association released its list of the **Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022**, which put on display what we already knew - that the books being most targeted for censorship are those written by or about LGBTQIA+ people and people of color.

Right to Read Day may have been yesterday, but you can take actions every day of the year. We challenge you to continue supporting your library and defending the freedom to read in your community by repeating these actions again and again, and to encourage your friends, family, neighbors, and community to join the effort. Here are four (4) actions you can take:

1. **Check out (and read) a Challenged book!**
2. **Attend your Library & School Board Meetings**
3. **Submit a Letter to the Editor**
4. **Report Censorship!**

Fighting censorship will take work from all of us on the local level, and every person that joins the campaign is one more voice to speak out against it when it comes for our communities. Celebrate Right to Read Day, every day.

[Learn More at United Against Book Bans](#)

Public Policy



Happy June and Happy Pride Month!

Every June since 1970, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. At the time, The Stonewall Inn was the most popular gay bar in Manhattan. Until 1966 it was illegal to serve alcohol to a gay person, and until 1969, homosexuality was a criminal offense. On the morning of June 28, 1969, police raided the bar for the sale of illegal alcohol. As word got out about the raid, thousands of protestors came out, and the protests lasted for six days.

These protests sparked the beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement. The Stonewall Inn is now a National Monument. In 2016, President Obama established the first LGBTQ+ National Park in the 7.7 acres surrounding The Stonewall Inn, and in 2019, the city of New York honored LGBTQ+ activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, with a statue for their activism. They were prominent in the Stonewall Uprising, and according to the city of New York, this was the “first permanent, public artwork recognizing transgender women in the world.” Since the Stonewall Uprising, there have been many significant advances for the LGBTQ+ community, like same-sex marriage and the passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009.

There is still a long way to go for equitable treatment for all, but that’s why it’s exciting to work with an organization like AAUW on its mission of achieving a more equitable society. For further information, the Library of Congress has compiled a wonderful resource guide. LGBTQ+ Studies: A Resource Guide serves as an introduction into the excellent collection of LGBTQ+ resources available at the Library of Congress. Submitted in recognition of June as Pride Month. Inclusivity and respect for all are AAUW principles. Margo Reeg, GWA-AAUW Public Policy.

By Kim Talbert, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Member News

Longtime branch member **Jo Murdach**, passed away on May 18th after a long battle with lung disease. Her husband Al informed Liz B. that there will be a service for Jo at Baywood Court at 2:00 on May 26th.

Jo and Al spent years singing in the Morrisson Theatre Chorus. Members of the chorus will be at the service singing her favorite song, “Blessing”. You can send Al a condolence email at alisonandjo@hotmail.com.

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 your branch president, Linda Slater at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

Membership Matters



The Hayward-Castro Valley values you too much to lose you as a member. 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](#)

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