

“If you love life, don't waste time, for time is what life is made up of.”

– Bruce Lee

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AAUW Events



Hayward-Castro Valley and Fremont Branches Present

The Bi-Branch Fund Luncheon
Saturday, February 3, 2024
12:00 - 2:00 PM

Ghazni Afghan Kabob Restaurant
217 W. Winton Ave., Hayward, CA.
(ample parking in the rear)

Please join the Hayward-Castro Valley and Fremont branches for our annual bi-branch fund luncheon. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet from this local family restaurant for the low cost of \$30 per person. Bring a friend to share in this delightful afternoon and hear fellow **Joyce Weaver**, recipient of a **2024 AAUW Career Development Grant**.

Joyce is a full-time florist in San Francisco and a student at the Academy of Art University, obtaining her Master of Arts degree in Game Development with a concentration in character modeling for games. She hopes to get an internship during the summer of next year to further her skills. After graduating, she wants to create realistic and stylized 3D video game characters for indie and AAA companies. She aims to inspire little girls and women, especially ones who look like her, to enter the gaming industry by educating others.

If you need a ride or would like to carpool, please send an email to Linda Slater at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

You have the option to Pay at the Door rather than through Eventbrite. If you'd like to pay at the door, please email kgarfinkle@hotmail.com so we can keep an accurate count of attendees.

I hope many of you will come out to support Joyce. Thanks.

[Click HERE to Register for the Event](#)



AAUW National Presents

**Inclusion in Practice: How AAUW's Policies and Practices
Promote Inclusion
Wednesday, January 31, 2024
4:00 PM PST**

Please join us for the AAUW National Inclusion & Equity Committee webinar on inclusion policies and practices. The webinar is designed to aid local branches and states as they explore various national policies and bylaws of AAUW national, featuring the resources available in AAUW's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Toolkit. The webinar provides an informative look at several national policies and practices, including the soon-to-be-announced member civility policy. Please join us!

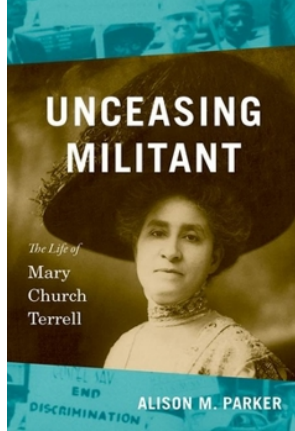
[Click HERE to Register for the Webinar](#)

AAUW National Presents

**School Boards: The Battleground for the Education Culture Wars
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
4:00 PM PST**

Please join us for the AAUW National Inclusion & Equity Committee webinar on inclusion policies and practices. The webinar is designed to aid local branches and states as they explore various national policies and bylaws of AAUW national, featuring the resources available in AAUW's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Toolkit. The webinar provides an informative look at several national policies and practices, including the soon-to-be-announced member civility policy. Please join us!

[Click HERE to Register for the Webinar](#)



AAUW California Presents

Mary Church Terrell and the Fight to Integrate AAUW
Sunday, February 4, 2024
3:00 PM PST

Join us to learn about Black activist Mary Church Terrell, her work for women's suffrage and racial equality, and her role in the integration of AAUW. A co-founder of the NAACP, Terrell became the first Black member of AAUW after winning an anti-discrimination lawsuit. We will hear from Dr. Alison Parker, author of *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell*, as she recounts stories and major successes in the life of this extraordinary woman.

[Click HERE to Register for the Event](#)

Branch Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

Drama Reading will take place on **February 15th at 1 PM** at Liz Bathgate's home. Light refreshments will be served halfway through the reading.

We will be dramatizing "**Morning's at Seven**" by **Paul Osborn**. Its plot focuses on four aging sisters living in a small Midwestern town in 1928 and it deals with ramifications within the family when two of them begin to question their lives and decide to make some changes before it is too late. This play is a bit longer than usual, so it may be a later finishing time.

Please email me at elisabethbathgate@icloud.com to let me know if you are coming. Thanks.
Liz



Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 14, 2023, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss "**The Chocolate War**" by Robert Cormier.

The Chocolate War is a 1974 young adult novel by American writer Robert Cormier. It was adapted into a film in 1988.

Although it received mixed reviews at the time of its publication, some reviewers have argued it is one of the best young adult novels of all time.

Set at a fictional Catholic high school, the story depicts a secret student organization's manipulation of the student body, which descends into cruel and ugly mob mentality against a lone, non-conforming student.

Because of the novel's language, the concept of a high school secret society using intimidation to enforce the cultural norms of the school and various characters' sexual ponderings, it has been embroiled in censorship controversies and appeared as third on the American Library Association's list of the Top 100 Banned/Challenged Books in 2000–2009.

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

Hope to have you join us. Please RSVP to slaterl@sbcglobal.net and I'll send you the Zoom link.



Dining Out Event

Watch our newsletter for upcoming Dining Out events in 2024.

President's Message

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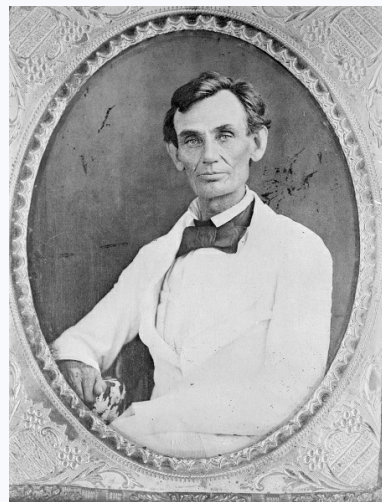
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AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch board meetings occur on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Contact



Abraham Lincoln Sixteenth President, 1809 - 1865

There's a lot to celebrate in February. There's Valentine's Day, the birthdays of two presidents, Lunar New Year, and it is Black History Month. When I think of Black history, I give credit to our sixteenth president for the emancipation proclamation (in addition to future struggles, this is where freedom began).

Lincoln's legacy is based on his momentous achievements: he successfully waged a political struggle and civil war that preserved the Union, ended slavery,

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.

and created the possibility of civil and social freedom for African Americans. However, his assassination prevented him from overseeing the reconstruction of the Union he had helped save. The assassination also had the effect of turning Lincoln into a martyr of almost mythological dimensions. As Edwin Stanton remarked when Lincoln died, "Now he belongs to the ages." It is much more realistic to see Lincoln as a practical genius. Temperamentally, he was humane, tolerant, and patient. Be he also had an extraordinary ability to see events clearly and adapt to them responding decisively when necessary. Above all, there is his evolution on civil rights. He began the Civil War with thoughts only of restoring the Union but ended up committing the nation to freedom for African Americans.

Excerpts from The Smithsonian Portrait Gallery
[Abraham Lincoln, 1809–1865 | Smithsonian Institution \(si.edu\)](#)

Public Policy

Sunday
March 25,
2024
3:00 PM

Learn How to be an
Effective Lobby Days
Advocate



Be a Part of Lobby Days 2024

AAUW California's Lobby Days will be held on **April 2 and 3, 2024**. All members are encouraged to participate in this act of advocacy that is essential for achievement of the organization's legislative priorities. In addition to members, college students will be invited to join the event. Your participation will help with reaching more legislative offices, and this introduction to the organization will inspire these advocacy-minded young people to join AAUW.

Complete your interest survey to participate by **Thursday, February 15, 2024**. A hybrid event is planned this year with meetings scheduled virtually over Zoom as well as in person at the Capitol. Members who live in and around Sacramento will have the option to participate in person. Legislative offices are willing to meet virtually or in person, and the virtual option makes it easier for AAUW members around the state to participate.

Training materials on the bills and the event will be posted on the state website in mid-March, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on **March 25, 2024, at 3 PM**. Lobby Days provide a wonderful opportunity to meet with your legislators and advocate for legislation to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls.

[Click HERE to be a Lobby Day Advocate](#)

The Two Minute Activist

If Lobby Day seems daunting, you can still make your opinions heard. Become a Two-minute activist. Send emails and texts to your legislators to fight for equal pay, family

leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more.

Sign up to get regular alerts to be able to take timely action. You provide the voice, AAUW will provide the megaphone.

[Sign Up to be a Two Minute Activist](#)

February Community Events



The Eastbay Regional Parks & Kaiser Permanente Presents

Trails Challenge 2024 January 1 - December 1, 2024

Every year more than 10,000 people participate in this FREE self-guided hiking and bicycling program to explore the East Bay regional parks and to keep fit outdoors. Trails Challenge is made possible with the generosity of the **Regional Parks Foundation** and **Kaiser Permanente**, who have sponsored Trails Challenge since 2005.

For the past 31 years, the Park District has promoted healthy recreation and time in nature through its annual Trails Challenge program. The **2024 Guidebook** includes 20 detailed trail descriptions available for all levels of fitness, from easy to challenging. There are trails open to hikers, bicyclists, dogs, and equestrians, and Trails Challenge 2024 offers increased accessibility with trails that have been evaluated and identified as usable by persons with mobility limitations (see pages 7-13).

To complete the challenge, hike five of the 20 trails, or 26.2 miles of trails within East Bay Regional Park District. You can submit your log, **online** or by mail, by December 1, 2024, and receive a commemorative pin, while supplies last.



The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area invites you:

To a Meet & Greet
Saturday, February 3, 2024
2:30 - 3:30 PM

Pampas Cafe
22222 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area (LWVEA) is sponsoring a Meet & Greet. Come meet old friends and make new ones. Join us for lively conversation as we prepare for the 2024 Elections. Learn about opportunities to educate voters and get out the vote.

Please RSVP by February 1st to lwvea57@gmail.com.



The Castro Valley Library presents:

The Castro Valley Reads Kick-Off Event
Sunday, February 4, 2024
2:00 - 3:00 PM

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA

Let's kick off Castro Valley Reads 2024! Come to the library to learn more about our featured book, **The Cold Millions by Jess Walter**, and to sing along to local horn ensemble fun'SQ as they lead us in rousing renditions of labor union songs from the 20th century! You can pick up a free copy of the book, while supplies last!

Before coming to the Kick-Off event, please register for a Library-hosted discussion group, OR we'd love for you to join the **Hayward-Castro Valley Branch book discussion group**. We will be discussing **Cold Millions** at a future book group. Send an email to Linda Slater at slaterl@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to join in.

The Cold Millions is an intimate story of brotherhood, love, sacrifice, and betrayal set against the panoramic backdrop of an early twentieth-century America that eerily echoes our own time, The Cold Millions offers a kaleidoscopic portrait of a nation grappling with the chasm between rich and poor, between harsh realities and simple dreams.

No registration is required. Just come on down.



The Hayward Library Presents

Online Author Talk with Tessa Bailey
Thursday, February 5, 2024
5:00 PM.

Join us as the #1 New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey talks about the launch

of her new super-hot sports romance duology with a rom com about a bad boy professional athlete who falls for his biggest fan in her new book Fangirl Down.

Wells Whitaker was once golf's hottest rising star, but lately, all he has to show for his "promising" career is a killer hangover, a collection of broken clubs, and one remaining supporter. No matter how bad he plays, the beautiful, sunny redhead is always on the sidelines. He curses, she cheers. He scowls, she smiles. But when Wells quits in a blaze of glory, and his fangirl finally goes home, he knows he made the greatest mistake of his life.

About the Author: #1 New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey can solve all problems except for her own, so she focuses those efforts on stubborn, fictional blue-collar men and loyal, lovable heroines. She lives on Long Island, avoiding the sun and social interactions, then wonders why no one has called. Dubbed the "Michelangelo of dirty talk" by Entertainment Weekly, Tessa writes with spice, spirit, swoon, and a guaranteed happily ever after. Catch her on TikTok at @authortessabailey or check out tessabailey.com for a complete list of books.

[Click HERE to Register for the Event](#)



The Castro Valley Library presents two special events:

**Celebrate Lunar New Year
Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**The Lion Dance - 11:00 - 11:30 AM
Taiko Drumming - 12:30 - 1:00 PM**

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Rd., Castro Valley, CA

Grab your family and join us in celebrating Lunar New Year at the library. First CAL VSA will perform a traditional lion dance to ring in the Year of the Dragon! Weather permitting, this program will take place in front of the library. Join us afterwards for a craft project in the children's room.

Next UC Berkeley's Japanese Drumming Ensemble will bring traditional music for our celebration! Cal Raijin Taiko performs to spread the knowledge, love, and passion of taiko.

No registration is required. Come early and bring your friends and family to this fun event.

Who We Are:
A Chronicle of Racism in America



The Castro Valley Library Presents

Screening of *Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America*

**Sunday, February 18, 2024
2:00 - 4:00 PM**

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA

Join the Castro Valley Library for a special screening of the award-winning documentary *Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America*.

Interweaving lecture, personal anecdotes, interviews, and revelations, criminal defense and civil rights lawyer Jeffery Robinson draws a stark timeline of anti-black racism in the United States, from slavery to the modern myth of a post-racial America.

Running time: 2 hours.

No registration required.



Hayward Area Historical Society Presents

**African American History Month Artists Panel
Saturday, February 24, 2024
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Hayward Public Library
888 C Street, Hayward, CA
Fremont Bank Foundation Room (2nd Floor)

Join us for a discussion exploring the rich tapestry of African American culture in visual arts in celebration of Black History Month's exhibitions at the Library and HAHS. Panelists include Khristel Johnson [Textiles, Quilt], Mark Sublett [Mixed Media], Saleem Gilmore [Author/Cartoonist], and Russell Foote [Photography].

This panel discussion is in partnership with the Hayward Arts Council, Hayward Area Historical Society, and Hayward Public Library.

[Click HERE to Register for the Event](#)



Hayward Area Recreation and Park District presents

**An Indoor Boutique and Band Dance
Friday, March 1, 2024
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Hayward Senior Center
22325 North 3rd Street, Hayward, CA

Everyone is invited to come to this FREE event. Vendors will be selling one-of-a-kind items. Dance to Live Band music of Len & Rich. Don't miss this special event! No registration required. Just show up in your dancing shoes.

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

Membership Matters



The Hayward-Castro Valley values 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 \$107; Life member \$15; Dual member \$15.

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

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