



“Look deep into nature, then you will understand everything better.”

– Albert Einstein

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## Membership Matters



Dear Members, The Hayward-Castro Valley branch values you. This vital organization, which advances equity for women and girls, is strongest when we all join together.

That time of year has once again rolled around and your AAUW dues are being collected. The organization is doing great things. with your dues and donations, for our youth locally thru our Tech Trek program. The state and national AAUW organizations are doing much to further women’s rights through conferences, workshops, webinars, advocacy and training.

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](#)

Questions? Send an email to [elisabethbathgate@icloud.com](mailto:elisabethbathgate@icloud.com).

## Branch Interest Groups

**Drama Reading Group**



Drama Reading will take place on **Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 1 PM** at Liz Bathgate's home. Light refreshments will be served halfway through the reading.

The play this month will be **"Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon**. It is a different play in that there are three scenarios that take place in a suite at the Plaza Hotel in New York City each with a different cast of characters and plot.

Please email [elisabethbathgate@icloud.com](mailto:elisabethbathgate@icloud.com) if you can make it  
Thanks. Liz



## Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss **"Cairo Trilogy - Palace Walk"** by Maguib Mahfouz, Egyptian novelist and Nobel Prize Winner.

Palace Walk, the first book of the trilogy will be our discussion book. The setting of the novels is Cairo around the time period of World War I. It begins in 1917, during World War I, and ends in 1919, the year of the Egyptian Revolution of 1919.

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

Hope to have you join us. Please RSVP to [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net) and I'll send you the Zoom link.



## Dining Out Event

Dear Members. This summer we will enjoy the many fun adventures out in our community. We will keep you posted about dining out events.

Keep a lookout for emails from Pat Macsata at [patmacsata@gmail.com](mailto:patmacsata@gmail.com).

## President's Message

### Your Board

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### A Time of Change and Growth

For me it is hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year. A lot is happening in AAUW, our community, our Country, the World, and in our own lives. It is a time of change and growth.

For me, it is time to change direction and relinquish my leadership role as Administrative Officer for the Hayward-Castro Valley Branch **effective December 2024**. I have been honored to fulfill the role for many years now. It is time to hand off the leadership reins to another capable member.

Our branch needs members to step up and take the initiative to keep the interest groups, programs, and events going. **Please attend our next Board meeting**

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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's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

<https://www.aauw.org>

AAUW California's mission: AAUW California facilitates California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education and resources.

<https://www.aauw-ca.org>

**on Zoom, Monday, July 1, 2024, at 6:30 PM to find out more about leadership opportunities.**

I will remain on the board but move into another aspect of the AAUW mission: promoting the growth of our College and University partnerships. The AAUW election this spring included a bylaw change to remove the educational criteria for AAUW membership.

Even though the initiative to open up AAUW membership did not pass, I found myself thinking about the importance of continuing to encourage young women, and men, to include higher education in their long-term goals and to bring those future leaders into the AAUW fold. Education, for me, is the bedrock of AAUW upon which we should build.

I will be joining the newly formed College and University Partnership Peer Group to learn and share best practices for bringing all of the many benefits AAUW has to offer to college and university students and faculty members. Benefits like scholarships/fellowships, leadership training, like the National Collegiate Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), and trainings like Start SMART and Work SMART, to name a few.

So, PLEASE, consider stepping up to be a Board member and lead our branch into even greater growth. You will not be alone, and your effort is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to working with you working with you in the coming year.

Yours in Service,  
Linda Slater, Administrative Officer

## Public Policy



### **New Title Nine Rules Biden Admin. Releases Long-Awaited Guidance**

**HOT OFF THE PRESSES!** On Friday, April 19, 2024, the Biden Administration released long-awaited guidance on the application and administration of Title IX. Title IX is not just about sports.

*"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational programs or activity receiving federal financial assistance."*

The rule changes:

(1) rework Trump Administration guidance on the handling of campus sexual assault, providing expanded protections for survivors; and

(2) expand Title IX protections against sex/gender-based harassment and discrimination to protect members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Expansion of rights to the LGBTQ+ community via Title IX aligns this federal law with current interpretation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits workplace discrimination on the basis of sex/gender. AAUW national serves in a gender equity coalition supporting these changes.

Stay Tuned! It will be a busy summer. We are anticipating needing your help to push back on challenges to this new guidance.

The June PP News will include an article that expands on all of this information and provides updates on impending legal challenges. Thank you in advance!

[Read past issues of the Public Policy Newsletter](#)

## June Community Events



The City of San Leandro presents:

**The Cherry Festival**  
**Saturday, June 1, 2024**  
**Parade 10 - 11 AM**  
**Festival 11 - 5 PM**

Located on W. Estudillo Ave. 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!

[For More Information](#)



The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area (LWVEA) presents

**A Conversation about Homelessness**  
**Saturday, June 8, 2024**  
**11 AM - 12:30 PM**

Castro Valley Women's Club  
18330 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA.

You are invited to join LWVEA for a town hall meeting for a conversation about homelessness in the Castro Valley/Eden Area - Reality, Challenges and Resources. Hear a prestigious panel of experts discuss this important topic.

Please RSVP to [lwvea57@gmail.com](mailto:lwvea57@gmail.com). Hope to see you there.



The Hayward Area Recreation & Park Department (H.A.R.D.) presents

**Hayward Municipal Band Concerts in the Park**  
**Sundays, June 15th - July 14th**  
**2:30 - 4:30 PM**

Tony Morelli Bandstand in Memorial Park  
4176 Mission Blvd., Hayward, CA (behind Hayward Plunge)

Join the Hayward Municipal Band as the great American tradition continues this summer. Bring your family, friends and picnic lunch to Memorial Park to relax, listen and enjoy, classical, popular, big band, jazz, musicals, Latin and more! The band plays under the direction of Kathy Morelli Maier.

This concert series is FREE to the public. It is made possible by support from the City of Hayward and the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.



Juneteenth Hayward & West Coast Blues Society presents.

**Juneteenth Freedom Celebration**  
**Saturday, June 22, 2024**  
**12:00 - 6:00 PM**

Hayward Heritage Plaza  
835 C Street, Hayward, CA.

Enjoy the blues festival, vendor booths, kid activities, and food trucks in beautiful downtown Hayward. Open to the public and free of charge. No registration required.

Questions? Email [juneteenthhayward@gmail.com](mailto:juneteenthhayward@gmail.com)

## Member News

Many of you may remember Peggy Robinson, now living a contented life up in Oregon with her family. Well, Peggy is celebrating her 97th birthday on June 3rd! If you would like to send her a celebratory card, she would appreciate hearing from you. Peggy's address is: 19123 Pumice Butte, Bend, OR 97702.

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](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net).





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