



"A diverse mix of voices leads to better discussions, decisions,
and outcomes for everyone."

– Sundar Pichai, Google CEO

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AAUW Events



AAUW California Presents

2025 AAUW Annual Event - Pivoting 4 Our Future
Saturday, April 26, 2025
9:00 am - 2:00 pm, On Zoom

We invite you to join us on Saturday, April 26th, 9 am-2:30 pm, for our AAUW California 2025 Annual Event on Zoom. Building off the concepts in **The Four Pivots: Reimagining Justice, Reimagining Ourselves** by Dr. Shawn Ginwright, we will explore how the pivots tie into the Volunteers First program that our own Branch Development committee created. This will be a wonderful opportunity to envision together how we can pivot to sustain our organization. We will gather with hundreds of members across the state to celebrate our accomplishments, honor our members and branches, and learn how we can continue the success of AAUW California and our branches into the future.

Register for the Event



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California State University of the East Bay

**7th Annual Wanda Washington
Student History Conference & Scholarship Awards
Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sessions 1 - 4
4:30 - 5:00 - Scholarship Awards**

CORE Library Building (CB)
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA 94542

The Department of History's 7th Annual Wanda Washington History Student Conference at California State University, East Bay welcomes the Northern California Phi Alpha Theta Annual Conference. With more than seventy-five participants from eleven institutions across California, today's panels are all-encompassing, reaching across hundreds of years and thousands of miles. From medieval cuisine to Bay-Area activism, today's presentations reveal the dynamic and diverse scholarly interests of our conference participants. Undoubtedly, today's proceedings will illustrate each participant's dedication to the discipline of history.

Following the presentations the annual History scholarship awards will be presented, including the Hayward-Castro Valley Branch Patricia Ball \$1,500 scholarship.

I plan to attend, following the AAUW California annual event, to catch Session 4 and meet our scholarship recipient for 2025. Let me know if you would like to join me.

[View the Event Program](#)

Branch Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

Drama Reading will take place on **April 9, 2025, at 12:45 pm** at Liz Bathgate's home. Light refreshments will be served halfway through the reading.

The play this month will be **"The Diary of Anne Frank" by Anne Frank**. Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

It is a long play, with lots of parts, so please come out if you ever wanted to play a part, this is your chance.

Please email me if you can make it
at elisabethbathgate@icloud.com. Thanks.
Liz

Book Group



The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss **"The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store"** by James McBride.

The novel tells the story of Black and Jewish residents of the Chicken Hill neighborhood of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in the 1920s and '30s.

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

Dear Members. Dining Out will be returning. Save your place at the round table. Send your favorite eateries by email to Pat Macsata at patmacsata@gmail.com.

President's Message

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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.

Speaker Sponsor for Tech Trek Branch Opportunity

This March, the Board voted to withdraw our application to send 7 middle-school girls to the Carson Tech Trek camp at University of California, Santa Cruz. Our decision to withdraw was a hard one, but our Tech Trek team members all had pressing issues that necessitated the decision. The whole team were very sad because we have been actively sending girls to Tech Trek camp for a long while. Well, good news! The branch has a new opportunity to participate in Tech Trek 2025 after all. As a speaker sponsor.

Jeri Johnstone, branch member and assistant director for the Carson Tech Trek camp, spoke to the board at our April 7th meeting. She proposed a plan for the branch to sponsor speaker Graciela Tiscareno-Sato, a Hayward-based veteran, businesswoman, and author, who will be conducting workshops at Tech Trek camp.

Capt. Tiscareno-Sato is the 1st Latina aviator in the US Air Force to win an Air Medal for combat air operations. She's also an award-winning author of the "Captain Mama" children's books, a bilingual series inspiring a child to learn about aviation. Graciela, recognized by the White House for her achievements, will present on the STEM of aviation, provide each camper with her bilingual book and a patch, and participate in the professional women's panel

Jeri requested Hayward-Castro Valley Branch provide a \$2,000 sponsorship to cover Graciela's involvement, including the workshops, books, and overnight stay at the camp. The board agreed unanimously to approve the sponsorship.

In addition, our branch members are invited to come to

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

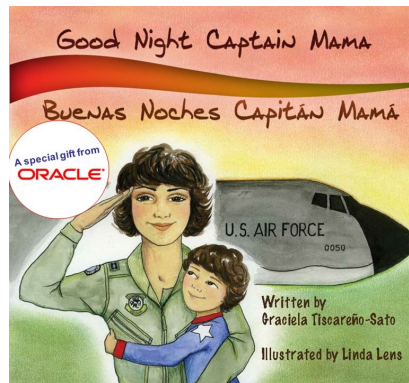
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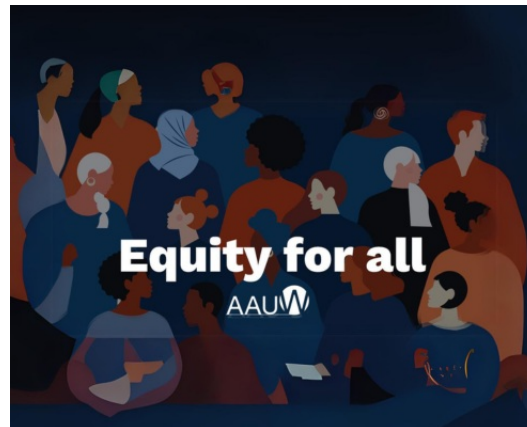
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Carson Tech Trek camp on the UC Santa Cruz campus to help pass out the books and patches to the tech trek girls. Each of the books will include a sticker with our branch name to honor our sponsorship.

The Carson Tech Trek camp is held the week of **July 13 - 19, 2025**. Ms. Tiscareno-Sato will be participating in the professional women's event on Wednesday, July 16th, and holding 2 workshops on Thursday, July 17th during "Camp Carson Takes Flight" day at camp. **If you would like to join a group of us heading down to camp, let me know by emailing Linda at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.**



Public Policy



The School Board Project Monitors & Observers Training April 24, 2025, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, On Zoom

Thank you very much to all of you who responded to our School Board Project survey in February. We received 272 responses representing 97 branches. Kudos to the many branches whose members are attending and speaking up at school board meetings! While 59 branches have school boards whose majority aligns with AAUW values, 16 branches indicate that they have school boards whose majority is inconsistent with AAUW values.

The School Board Project is now entering a new phase in which we will be encouraging members to monitor and observe their local school boards to ensure they are complying with California law. To this end, AAUW California has entered a collaboration with the [Public-School Defenders Hub](#), an organization that provides resources and programs to

parents, organizers, activists, and school board members to combat anti-public-school extremists.

The Defenders Hub will be presenting a customized training for AAUW members on how to be an effective school board observer and monitor. The training will update you on current California laws that address book banning, curriculum censorship, and discrimination against LGBTQ+ students; what to look for in determining compliance; and how to file a complaint when you observe non-compliance. We hope you will join us for this next phase of the School Board Project.

[Register HERE](#)

[Link to Public Policy April Newsletter](#)

April Community Events



The Castro Valley Library Presents

Celebrate Earth Day
Saturday, April 19, 2025
11 am - 3 pm

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Rd., Castro Valley

Join the Castro Valley Library, ForestR and more to Celebrate Earth Day! Live music with Mark Hummel! Seed Giveaway, Seedling Exchange Gleaned Fruit Giveaway and Harvest Exchange (bring yours to share).



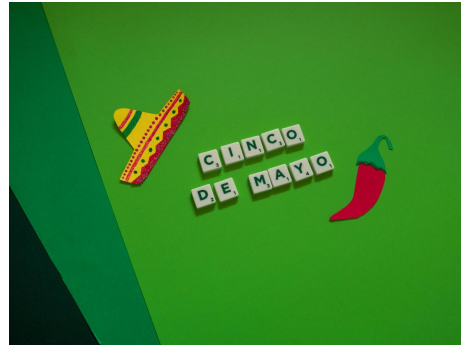
H.A.R.D. Douglas Morrison Theater Presents

A Year with Frog and Toad
Sunday, April 27, 2025, 1 pm

Douglas Morrison Theater
22311 N. 3rd St., Hayward

"A Year with Frog and Toad" is a joyous and playful musical that celebrates the enduring friendship between two best friends. Through a series of enchanting vignettes, Frog and Toad experience the wonders and challenges of each season, from planting gardens in spring and swimming in summer to raking leaves in autumn and sledding in winter. Along the way, they learn valuable lessons about friendship, patience, and the beauty of the natural world. General admission is \$30.00

[Reserve Your Spot!](#)



The City of Hayward and La Alianza de Hayward Presents

Cinco de Mayo Festival
Saturday, May 3, 2025
10 am - 5 pm

Intersection of B & Main Streets, Hayward

The annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration – a music, dance and cultural extravaganza that Hayward residents look forward to every year – returns Saturday, May 3, to the intersection of B and Main Streets.

[Visit La Alianza de Hayward Website](#)



The Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch Presents

The 23rd Annual Garden Tour
Friday, May 9 & Saturday, May 10, 2025
10 am - 4 pm

"Escape to Serenity". The 2025 AAUW DAW Garden Tour will feature six diverse, private

gardens in Danville, Alamo and Diablo that will “take you away” – immersing your senses and restoring your spirit! You’ll learn about palms, garden tranquility, and a bit of local history, as you experience the respite of a walk in the gardens. All proceeds from the tour will go directly to support DAW’s college and graduate school scholarships for local students, STEM camperships for middle school girls, and DAW branch programs advancing equity for all.

Admission is \$40 by April 28th, \$45 after. Note that AAUW DAW is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization EIN 92-3233415. The amount of your ticket purchase exceeding \$5.00 (Fair Market Value) is tax deductible.

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The San Leandro Historical Society presents:

2025 San Leandro Architecture and Home Tour
Saturday, May 10, 2025
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Begin at the Historic Little Brown Church
384 W. Estudillo, San Leandro, CA

Join us for a day discovering fascinating architecture and home styles in San Leandro. Explore the rich history of various homes and buildings. Get inspired by innovative designs and creative spaces. This self-guided tour showcases a variety of San Leandro architecture, from the 1890s to the 1970s. Cost: \$25 per individual; \$35 per family

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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.

In 2025, the AAUW Board approved a modest dues adjustment — \$2 per year over the next two years. Starting April 1, 2025, individual member dues will be \$74. On April 1, 2026, dues will change to

\$76.

Regular member \$109 per year (Includes National \$74, State \$20 and Branch \$15); Life member \$15 per year or \$1,480 lifetime; and Dual members \$15.

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

Questions? Send an email to elisabethbathgate@icloud.com

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