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Michele Obama

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AAUW Events



Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report

Together, we can achieve equity for women and girls.

The AAUW 2024 Report, is a report of impact. Discover how AAUW is advancing equity for women and girls nationwide. Our latest Annual Report highlights key achievements, financials, and the impact of our programs over Fiscal Year 2024. Be sure to check out AAUW's stories of impact.

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Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

Drama Reading will take place on **Wednesday, March 12th at 1 PM** at Liz Bathgate's home. I will make a treat for all of us to enjoy.

The February play is "**Twelve Angry Men**" by Reginald Rose. The play explores the deliberations of a jury of a homicide trial, in which a dozen "men with ties and a coat" decide the fate of a teenager accused of murdering his abusive father. In the beginning they are nearly unanimous in concluding the youth is guilty, influenced by their own background and upbringing. One man dissents, declaring him "not guilty", and he sows a

seed of reasonable doubt. Eventually he convinces the other jurors to look beyond their own personal bias and support a unanimous "not guilty" verdict.
Please let me know if you can come by calling 510-581-0461.
Liz



Book Group

On **Wednesday, March 12th, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom we will meet to discuss **"The House of Broken Angels" by Luis Alberto Urrea**. We extended our date to accommodate the readers and give them time to finish.

This is the Castro Valley READS pick for 2025. The House of Broken Angels is a family saga that follows the de la Cruz family, particularly patriarch Big Angel and his siblings, as they attend their mother's funeral and Big Angel's final birthday party. The story takes place over two days and spans seven decades of memories. The novel explores themes of family, death, and what it means to be American.

Looking forward:

April - *Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Everyone is welcome. We are a small, but mighty group. Join us on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 837 5015 4983

Passcode: 219

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



Dining Out Group

The Dining Out Group will reconvene soon. Send your ideas for tasty local restaurants to Pat.

Hope to have you join us. Please RSVP to Pat Macsata at patmacsata@gmail.com.

President's Message

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**FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA
TIPS FOR AVOIDING EMAIL SCAMS THAT
APPEAR TO COME FROM FRIENDS OR FAMILY**

Email scams don't always pretend to be large

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AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch board meetings occur on the **first Monday of January, April, and October 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.

corporations; sometimes they impersonate people you know – family, friends, or even colleagues. These scams can be especially dangerous because they are working to exploit established trust. Here are four tips to recognizing and avoiding email scams.

1. Be suspicious of unusual requests. If a friend or family member suddenly emails you asking for money, gift cards, or sensitive information, be skeptical.
2. Look at the writing style. Proceed with caution if you encounter unusual wording, spelling or grammatical errors, or phrasing that just doesn't "sound like" the person.
3. Stay calm. Scammers frequently rely on urgent language to drive immediate action. Do not rush to respond to the request until you determine its validity.
4. Look carefully at the sender's email address. Many email systems just show you the sender's display name, which is easy to manipulate. The email address itself must be inspected. In most systems you can hover your mouse over the sender's name to reveal their email address. Check the email address carefully. Frequently, the email address is entirely wrong and easy to dismiss as fraudulent. In more sophisticated scams, the email address may be only slightly different.
5. If you have identified the email address as incorrect, then delete the message (optionally, report as spam). However, if after reviewing an email message, you still have some doubts, how do you proceed?

First, it is very important to NOT reply to the message and do NOT click on any links or attachments. Then, reach out to the purported sender directly, such as by a phone call or text, to validate whether the message is authentic. With a bit of knowledge and careful attention, it is possible to avoid many email scams.

Linda Slater, AAUW H/CV President

Public Policy



Project 2025 is Becoming a Reality. Take Action to Fight Back!

As Co-Directors Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko outlined in a webinar in October 2024, the objectives of Project 2025 directly counter the Public Policy Priorities of AAUW California. With federal policy pronouncements and changes taking place at a head spinning pace since January 20, 2025, it is clear that there is a concerted effort by a number of coalitions in the federal government to make Project 2025 become reality. For example:

- The Executive Order declaring that there are “only two genders, male and female”.
- The Executive Order eliminating federal funds for schools that recognize transgender identities or teach about structural racism, white privilege, and unconscious bias.
- The Executive Order directing federal agencies to look for ways to expand access to private school vouchers.
- The Executive Order rescinding a dozen Biden-era executive actions supporting racial equity and combating discrimination against gay and transgender people.
- The Office of Management and Budget order freezing all federal financial assistance (since rescinded but with a standing order for agencies to restrict DEI programming and “woke gender ideology”).
- The Executive Order withdrawing the United States from the 2015 Paris agreement which seeks to avoid the worst impacts of the climate crisis

While this may seem overwhelming, note that there are already individuals and coalitions who are pushing back in a number of ways, from direct refusal to comply, to spamming federal surveillance accounts, to direct legal challenges.

AAUW California is building out our own action-items database, which will go live for you this spring. In the interim, we will provide a short list and ask you to take action by choosing one self-focused, one other-focused, and one political-focused item from the list below.

1. Self-Focused: Education rewatch the **AAUW Project 2025 [webinar](#)** from the fall, as needed, to get a sense of what Project 2025 is/does and/or read the document itself. read the articles linked above to better understand how some individuals and organizations are working to fight back.
2. Other-Focused: Education & Connection whatever you take away from your homework in self-education--be sure to tell one friend about what you learned. You can do this over lunch.
3. Politically-Focused: Outreach to Senators sign the petition opposing the confirmation of Linda McMahon. Text “SIGN PTGHEX” to 50409.

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Member News

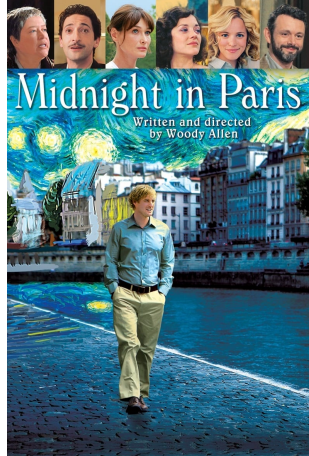
It is with great sadness that I let you know of the passing of Peggy Robinson. June 1927 - January 2025. The following statement was written by her daughter:

"Surrounded by love and her three surviving children, her grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of our supportive spouses who came to let her know how dear she was to us. Peggy enjoyed fabric arts, good books and film, exotic travel, delicious meals and fine wine. Peggy volunteered and donated generously. People loved her, dogs adored her. She encouraged us all in art, music and education and led by excellent example."

Peggy joined AAUW in 1971. When she moved to Hayward, she became an active member of our branch. She took leadership roles and helped with every event we had until she moved to live with her daughter in Bend, Oregon six years ago. She had a great six years with four generations living in the same house.

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.

March Community Events



Marina Community Center Silver Screen Event

Midnight in Paris
Thursday, March 13, 2025
1:30 PM

Marina Community Center
15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro, CA

While on a trip to Paris with his fiancée's family, a nostalgic screenwriter finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920's every day at midnight. Starring Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, and Kathy Bates.

Entry fee \$2.00 Theatre style seating Includes popcorn



Douglas Morrison Theater Presents

Romeo and Juliet
Friday, March 14, 2025
8:00 PM

Douglas Morrison Theater
22311 N Third St., Hayward, CA

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's abridged version of Romeo and Juliet distills the timeless tragedy into a compelling and concise performance tailored for contemporary audiences. By focusing on the most crucial scenes and characters, this adaptation retains the emotional depth and intensity of the original while utilizing a minimal set to draw attention to the powerful dialogue and performances. With a modern touch and a talented cast, the production highlights the passionate, youthful energy of the star-crossed lovers,

making Shakespeare's iconic story both engaging and relatable for all. SF Shakes masterfully brings the enduring drama to life with simplicity and impact.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

[Buy Tickets HERE](#)



Chabot College Performing Arts Complex Presents

Grand Kyviv Ballet - Swan Lake
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
7:00 PM

Chabot College Performing Arts Complex, Bldg. 1300
25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA

Swan Lake is a ballet masterpiece that tells the story of a prince who falls in love with a beautiful swan princess under a spell. The ballet is renowned for its stunning choreography, intricate set design, and Tchaikovsky's captivating music. Its themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption continue to resonate with audiences of all ages and backgrounds, making it a timeless classic that has endured for more than a century. This timeless tale of love and magic will be brought to life by the finest dancers of the Ukrainian National Opera and Ballet Theater. The graceful movements of the dancers will transport audiences to a world of enchantment and wonder.

Tickets range from \$49 - \$69 per person.

[To Buy Tickets](#)



Hayward Historical Society Presents

Brushes & Beverages
Thursday, March 20, 2025
6:00 PM

We'll provide all the necessary materials, and you get a FUN evening to express your creativity. No experience is necessary!

Artist Ann Maloney-Mason will provide step-by-step instruction to guide you through creating your own unique piece of art. Tickets include pizza and wine or non alcoholic beverage, as well as the materials needed for the class. Additional food items and beverages may be purchased.

Ticket sales and donations support the Hayward Arts Council and the Hayward Area Historical Society.

Tickets are \$50 per person.

[To Buy Tickets](#)



Hayward Library Presents

Online Author Talk with Clara Bingham
"How Women's Liberation Transformed America"
Thursday, March 20, 2025
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a transformative conversation with award-winning journalist and author, Clara Bingham, as she chats with us about her new book, *The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973*.

Register [HERE](#)

The Movement is a comprehensive and engaging oral history of the decade that defined the feminist movement, including interviews with living icons and unsung heroes. *The Movement* is the first oral history of the decade that built the modern feminist movement. Through the captivating individual voices of the people who lived it, *The Movement* tells the intimate inside story of what it felt like to be at the forefront of the modern feminist crusade when women rejected thousands of years of custom and demanded the freedom to be who they wanted and needed to be.

About the Author: Clara Bingham is an award-winning journalist and the author of *The Movement*, *Witness to the Revolution*, *Women on the Hill*, and the co-writer of *Class Action*. A former Washington, DC, correspondent for *Newsweek*, her writing has appeared in *Vanity Fair*, *The Guardian*, and *The Daily Beast*, among others. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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 \$107; Life member \$15; Dual member \$15.

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

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