



**“Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.”**

**– Langston Hughes**

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Website**

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## **AAUW Events**

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**AAUW Fremont Branch Presents**

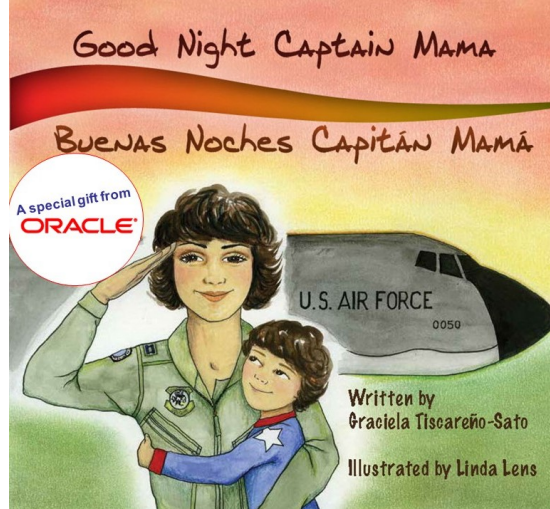
**Congressman Ro Khanna Virtual Town Hall  
Saturday, June 21, 2025  
4:45 pm - 5:15 pm, On Zoom**

For the second year in a row, Congressman Ro Khanna will be speaking to AAUW. He will be addressing us on Saturday, June 21st, from 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm over Zoom.

To hear the perspective of this leader and have a chance to ask questions, register for this virtual meeting by clicking on the link below. You will then receive an email from Zoom containing a JOIN MEETING button.

**Register for the Event**

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UC Santa Cruz, Carson Camp, Tech Trek presents

**Camp Carson "Takes Flight" Day with Graciela Tiiscareno-Sato**  
**Thursday, July 17, 2025**  
**9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sessions 1 - 2**

UC Santa Cruz, Camp Carson  
1156 High St., Santa Cruz, CA.

The Hayward-Castro Valley Branch provided UC Santa Cruz Camp Carson with a \$2,000 sponsorship to cover Graciela's involvement, including the workshops, books, and overnight stay at the camp. HCV branch members are invited to come pass out the books and patches to the tech trek girls during each session. Each of the books will include a sticker with our branch name to honor our sponsorship.

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 pane.

Sessions take place on Thursday, July 17th during "Camp Carson Takes Flight" day. If you would like to join a group of us heading down to camp, let me know. Some of us will stay overnight, but that is not mandatory. If interested, please email Linda at [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net)

[Learn More about Graciela](#)

## Branch Interest Groups

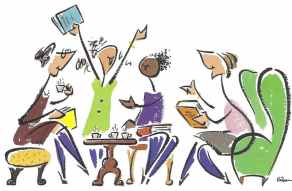


### Drama Reading Group

Drama Reading group is on hiatus for the summer. We will return in the fall. Enjoy your summer.

Questions? Please email [elisabethbathgate@icloud.com](mailto:elisabethbathgate@icloud.com).  
Thanks.  
Liz

### Book Group



The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss **"Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass"** by Frederick Douglass.

Frederick Douglass was born in slavery as Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey near Easton in Talbot County, Maryland. He was not sure of the exact year of his birth, but he knew that it was 1817 or 1818. He was such an impressive orator that numerous persons doubted if he had ever been a slave, so he wrote Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass published in 1841. He wrote two other autobiographical works, published in 1855 and 1881 respectively. He died in 1895.

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. Dining Out began the summer with a meal at Buon Appetito in Hayward on June 4. Stay tuned for future emails about upcoming lunches. Save your place at the table. Send your favorite eateries by email to Pat Macsata at [patmacsata@gmail.com](mailto:patmacsata@gmail.com).

## 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

Tech Trek  
2024  
Carson Camp  
at UC Santa  
Cruz

Making projects, making  
friends and making  
memories for a lifetime.



### AND THEY'RE OFF!!

As May gives way to June, the Tech Trek camp season kicks off 2025 at Fresno State and Whittier College in the third week of June, followed by Franklin at Sonoma State and our southernmost camp at the University of San Diego wrapping it up.

July camps start after the 4th with Hopper at Santa Clara University, followed by UC Davis, Carson at Santa Cruz, and Blackwell at Santa Barbara, and finally, virtual camp rounding out the month, for a **total of nine camps serving 782 campers with more than 300 camp volunteers!**

The Hayward-Castro Valley Branch will be supporting UC Santa Cruz Camp Carson this year through a \$2,000 speaker sponsorship and members are invited to visit the camp on Thursday, July 17th to be part of the session (see more information in events above).

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>

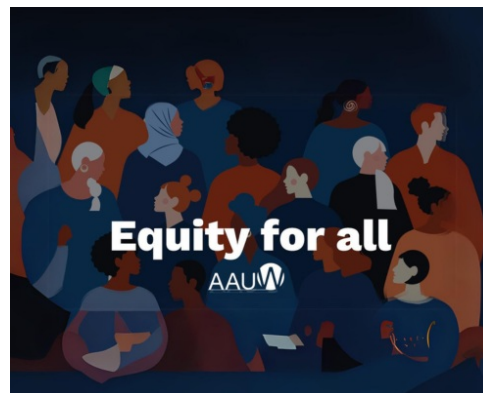
Our branch has always been a strong supporter of the Tech Trek STEM program since its inception in 1998. None of the above could be accomplished without the passion and dedication of our branch Tech Trek coordinator, Judy Harrison and our committee members! Bravo!

The Hayward-Castro Valley Branch needs your time and energy to continue our support of this valuable program. If you have time to help with contacting schools, interviewing candidates, or managing the data entry please contact Judy Harrison at [jharrison663@comcast.net](mailto:jharrison663@comcast.net) to become a member of the Tech Trek team.

**Tech Trek has lots of opportunities for you to become involved, to support, and to volunteer.**

**Get Involved with Tech Trek**

## Public Policy



### **Upcoming Anti-LGBTQ+ Supreme Court Decision May Impact K-12 Education in California**

During LGBTQ+ pride month, we will get a decision in [Mahmoud v. Taylor](#), a case involving the LGBTQ+ community that is currently being considered by the Supreme Court of the United States. The outcome of this case may have an impact on the important [legislative](#) and on-the-ground work that AAUW California has been doing (via the [School Board Project](#) (SBP)) to protect historically accurate, diverse, and inclusive curricula in K-12 education and schools.

In the *Mahmoud* case, a coalition of Muslim, Roman Catholic, and Ukrainian Orthodox parents in the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in Maryland are asking for an opt-out provision for diverse and inclusive storybooks that include a normative portrayal of LGBTQ+ families, such as [Pride Puppy](#), a rhyming alphabet book that tells the story of a family having a fun day together at a LGBTQ+ pride event. The parents in this case argue that requiring their children to engage with story books like *Pride Puppy*, and instruction around them, will be a violation of their religious beliefs. Specifically, these parents claim that lack of an opt-out provision is a violation of their First Amendment rights to freely



exercise their religion, impeding their ability to instruct their children on faith-based issues related to gender and sexuality and to control when and how these issues are introduced.

After updating the curriculum to include more diverse and inclusive storybooks in 2022, [the MCPS school board in this case initially tried to accommodate opt-out requests from parents](#). However, the school board received such an influx of opt-out requests that course administration became unmanageable. [Opt-out policies are expensive, costly for students, schools, and taxpayers](#). This means that mass opt-outs can put further stress on already stressed logistical systems within financially burdened school districts.

On top of the logistical and actual costs and administrative struggles created by the mass opt-out requests, the MCPS school board in this case also noted that the influx of requests fundamentally “[undermined the schools’ educational obligations toward inclusion, equity, and respect](#).” [Opt-outs can hurt kids](#) whose lives and families are mirrored in the books, positioning LGBTQ+ families’ experiences as something potentially problematic and harmful to others. It also teaches young people that they can opt out of teachings that encourage being decent to all humans, even those who do not look, think, act, or love in the way that their families do. Lack of access to and understanding of diverse experiences and viewpoints and the inability to engage meaningfully with widespread inclusivity also leaves the opted-out students themselves less well-equipped to move forward to function in a diverse world, a pluralistic democracy, and a global workforce.

Finally, opt-outs for LGBTQ+ material on religious grounds may also open the flood gates for opt-outs on *any* topic that is listed as potentially problematic in religious teaching and texts. Echoing some of these concerns, [Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Elana Kagan gave voice to this issue during oral arguments](#), noting the [potentially broad scope](#) of the parents’ position when, historically, there have also been objections to “biographical material about women who have been recognized for achievement outside their home,” as well as books featuring divorce, interfaith marriage, and immodest dress.

Based on a 2008 case in Massachusetts, which was not taken up by the Supreme Court, [there is precedent for ruling against these kinds of opt outs](#) because participation in public school instruction that simply exposes a child to ideas that conflict with the religious beliefs of their parents, “does not inhibit the parent from instructing the child differently.” However, due to the direction that questioning took during oral arguments, many legal scholars are predicting that [the court will find in favor of the parents](#). A decision is expected in the case by the end of June 2025.

Parents have the ability to opt their children out of some material in California, as well, perhaps most notably around [comprehensive sexual health education](#). However, these opt-out provisions are limited in scope. As the protection and expansion of historically accurate, diverse, and inclusive curricula in K-12 education in California has been an important focus for both AAUW CA’s School Board Project and our legislative priorities, the possibility that the decision in *Mahmoud* will spark expanded opt-out requests on religious grounds is critically important for us to track. While protections for inclusive curricula remain in place in California, an outcome in favor of the parents in this case will likely create a wave of social and legal challenges, including a call for more expansive opt-out policies, which will have an impact on how we continue to engage in meaningful work around this priority area in the future. One possible outcome of this is that many districts will pull back on their DEI materials, setting up a potential collision course with existing CA laws.

By Missy Maceyko, co-chair Public Policy committee

**Public Policy Summer Newsletter**

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## 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**. To renew **ONLINE**: Go to [Login - AAUW](#)

Renew **BY CHECK**: Mail to Liz Bathgate, membership chair, at 22112 Queen St. Castro Valley, CA 94546.

For regular members, dues, in 2025 are \$109 per year (Includes National \$74, State \$20 and Branch \$15); Life member \$15 per year or \$1,480 lifetime; and Dual members \$15.

AAUW will be sending renewal email notices, to all members, 1 month before your renewal month, and for the 3 months following. Your renewal month is based on the month you initially joined AAUW. The renewal month is no longer set as June for everyone.

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

## Summer Community Events



The Castro Valley Library Presents

### Summer Concert Series

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

**June 12 - Emily Day & the Cosmo Alleycats**

**July 10 - Jimbo Scott & Yesterdays Biscuits**

Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Rd., Castro Valley

Join us for an OUTDOOR Summer concerts at the Castro Valley Library! Bring your lawn chairs...bring the family ...bring a picnic!

Because this is an OUTDOOR event, automobile parking will be limited at the library. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on Alameda County Library property. Please bring your own chairs, the library is unable to provide chairs for this event. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



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

## **Hayward World Dance Festival** **Saturday, June 7, 2025, 2 pm**

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

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District will hold the third annual World Dance Festival. Showcasing local talent, the festival will highlight cultural dance from our diverse community. From Ballet Folklórico to Indian classical dance, it will surely be an afternoon filled with vibrant performances.

General admission is \$10.00

[Reserve Your Spot!](#)



The City of San Leandro Presents:

## **2025 San Leandro Cherry Festival** **Saturday, June 7, 2025** **Parade starts at 10 am** **Festival 11 am - 6 pm**

Historic Downtown San Leandro  
W. Estudillo, San Leandro, CA

The San Leandro Cherry Festival has been a long-standing San Leandro tradition since 1909. Kick off the festivities with the San Leandro Cherry Parade from 10 AM to 11 AM! Cheer on community organizations and local businesses as they make their way down E. 14th Street in festive floats, classic cars, and creative costumes! Then make your way over to the Cherry Festival at 11 AM for live music on the main stage, a vendor market with over 150 booths, the fresh cherry market, the family fun zone, a car show, and more!

[Visit the Cherry Festival Website](#)



The City of Hayward Presents

## **Hayward Municipal Band Concerts**

**Sundays from 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

**June 15 - Celebrate Father's Day**

**June 22 - Summer Themes**

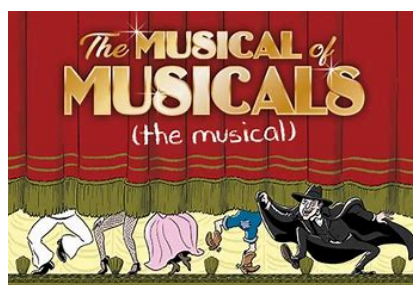
**June 29 - Swing & Dance with Muni Big Band**

**July 6 - Patriotic Music**

Hayward Memorial Park  
24241 Mission Blvd., Hayward

For over 60 years, the Hayward Municipal Band has brought free, live music to the Hayward and East Bay communities. Concerts are held in Memorial Park, just behind the Hayward Plunge. Founded in 1957 by City maintenance workers Ed Mendonca and Tony Nunes, the band has grown into a cherished local tradition. In 1960, Tony Morelli took over as conductor, leading the 40-member professional ensemble until his passing in 1998. His daughter, Kathy Maier—formerly assistant conductor—has continued the legacy and led the band for more than 15 seasons. Free to the public. Bring your lawn chairs and a sun hat to enjoy the music.

[Hayward Municipal Band Website](#)



The Chanticleers Theatre Presents

## **The Musical of Musicals the Musical**

**August 8 - 24, 2025**

Chanticleers Theatre  
3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley, CA

The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!) is a musical about musicals! In this hilarious satire of musical theatre, one story becomes five delightful musicals, each written in the distinctive style of a different master of the form.

June is an ingenue who can't pay the rent and is threatened by her evil landlord. Will the handsome leading man come to the rescue?



The variations are: a Rodgers & Hammerstein version, set in Kansas in August, complete with a dream ballet; a Sondheim version, featuring the landlord as a tortured artistic genius who slashes the throats of his tenants in revenge for not appreciating his work; a Jerry Herman version, as a splashy star vehicle; an Andrew Lloyd Webber version, a rock musical with themes borrowed from Puccini; and a Kander & Ebb version, set in a speakeasy in Chicago.

[Visit our Website](#)

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Hayward Arts Council & Hayward Area Historical Society Presents

**Brushes & Beverages**  
**Thursday, August 14, 2025**  
**6 pm - 8 pm**

Craft Pizzeria  
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, CA

We'll provide all the necessary materials, and you get a fun evening to express your creativity. No experience is necessary! Artist Tara Rocker-Bates will provide step-by-step instruction to guide you through creating your own unique piece of art. All you need to bring is your inner artist!

Your ticket includes pizza and wine, 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. Purchase tickets below.

Join us for a FUNdraiser full of creativity to benefit the Hayward Arts Council and the Hayward Area Historical Society. Space is limited. Tickets are non-refundable. Tickets are \$50.

[Reserve Your Spot!](#)

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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](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net).

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