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Branch

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Winter festival and Silent Auction

Sunday, December 12

1:00 to 4: pm

**San Lorenzo HOA – Community
Center
377 Paseo Grande, SL**

*Celebrate Winter Festivals
From Around the World*

*Come visit fellow branch members and
families, bid on wonderful Silent Auction
items, share delicious finger foods, and
partake in the wonders and magic of the
season.*

**RSVP: Peggy Robinson
24527 Marie Dr, Hayward
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DRAMA READINGS

We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home on Wednesday December 1st at 7pm to read Arthur Miller's play "*The Price*.. Two siblings meet, after a 16 year estrangement, in the attic of the family residence, where the old furniture is to be disposed of. There are four parts so we will divide the group so all are able to participate. It is one of Miller's most engrossing and entertaining plays and is superbly, even flamboyantly theatrical. It will be a fun read!!

We will meet at Liz Bathgate's home for a wonderful play by Agatha Christie called *Black Coffee*. It was written in 1934 and concerns a physicist named Sir Claude Amory who has come up with a formula for an atom bomb. Sir Claude is poisoned in the first act with his coffee and Hercule Poirot is called in to solve the case. He does so after many wonderful twists and turns in the Christie tradition. We meet at 7pm on January 5. This play has parts for a large number of people. Come and enjoy the play and of course the refreshments and socializing.

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BOOK REVIEW

The next meeting of the branch Book Review Group will be on Monday, January 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the Castro Valley home of Dee Donaldson's. Ruth Kuffin will review the 2008 novel *Someone Knows My Name* by Canadian writer Lawrence Hill. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, please call Dee at 538-3415.

At a recent meeting the group members decided to read George R. Stewart's 1949 science fiction classic *The Earth Abides* for the group discussion on Monday, February 21st. The book is available at local libraries, and is sold on Amazon.

All branch members are welcome to join us for these afternoons of books, friends, refreshments, and good discussion

19286 Parkview Rd
Castro Valley

MEMBERSHIP

We added four new members at the LAF event at Ursula's home. Please note their details in the back of your directory. If you have not received a directory, please pick one up at the Holiday Party. We are not mailing them out this year because of the expense involved.

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These new members were able to join as part of the Shape the Future Campaign. This campaign lets us charge them only \$55.50 for their first year of membership. This will also apply to any new members you bring to the Holiday Party on December 12th. These events all qualify for this membership rate. If you have a friend who would like to become a member or is interested in knowing more about our branch, please have them contact me.

Branch members who recruit at least one new member will have their names entered into a drawing and are eligible to win one of 130 FREE AAUW memberships.

Graduate students are eligible to receive a special membership rate of \$49.81 for this year. If you know a graduate student who might be interested, please let me know.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

This act #S 182/HR 12 must pass before the end of this year or it must begin all over again to go through both houses of Congress. AAUW has been a strong advocate of this bill which provides for:

- Stronger incentives for employers to follow the law and offer equal pay

- Stronger penalties for violations

- Empowering of women to negotiate for equal pay

- Prevention of retaliation for employees asking about organizational wage practices or disclosing their own wages to other employees

- Strengthening of outreach, education and enforcement efforts

Please contact Senators Dianne Feinstein (415-393-0707 or Feinstein.senate.gov) and Barbara Boxer (415-403-0100 or boxer.senate.gov) to urge them to vote to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL BIG SUCCESS FOR LAF

The Autumn Festival, held at Ursula Batz's home, was a great success. We raised over \$1,000 for the Legal Advocacy Fund! More than 50 people attended the event which featured Elizabeth Kristen, Legal Aid Society lawyer and branch member, speaking about a Title IX class action law suit in Chula Vista, California, in which she has been involved for about 8 years. She had a power point presentation showing the faces of the litigants, mostly Latina girls, and the poor softball facilities for the girls at this high school compared to the manicured field and facilities for the boys' baseball team. This made the presentation personal for the audience and more than just statistics.

Elizabeth also talked about the "Program In A Box" which branches can get from AAUW to replicate in their own areas. This past year, Liz Bathgate chaired such a program for our Branch and the general public at the Castro Valley Library. Presenters were the Women's Athletic Director at Call State East Bay, University, one of the student Volley Ball players, and a High School PE Teacher. One of the outcomes of this program is that several branch members are now attending CSUEB Women's Volley home games to show their support of women's athletics at the university.

Many thanks to Dave Krug who played background piano music. As in the past, our wonderful members brought delicious light finger food to go with the warm mulled cider and wine. My committee Sandy Boswell, Robin Peterson, Shirlee Lustig, Pat Sutter, Evelyn Gertler, and Linda Slater were enthusiastic planners, doers and helped with the cleanup. Thanks to all who came, who worked, and who enjoyed!

BUNCO

will be happening in Castro Valley on Friday, January 14 just down the street from the 2 Dees at the home of Helene Victor, 19253 Parkview Road. 6:30 P.M. is the time. The last Bunco was a lot of fun with 3 winners who carted off the prizes of \$25 for highest score, \$15 for most Buncos or \$10 for lowest score, so even if you lose you might still qualify for a prize of \$10!

It's a simple game of throwing dice, so easy to learn if you haven't done it before.

All you have to do is bring 5 one dollar bills for the prizes and an appetizer or dessert, so to arrange what you bring, please call Dee Donaldson at 510-538-3415. We need 12 people who like to have fun.

SHARELINE EDITOR NEEDED!!

Bonnie Smith will be unable to continue editing the Shareline and is looking for a replacement person she can train in the job. It involves getting the articles from the board members and other interested folk and then arranging them on so that all our members can learn about our activities and upcoming events.

It is detailed work and exacting, but it can be fun and creative, too.

Please call Bonnie at 581-6747 to talk to her about what is involved!

FESCO and ESP

Ten people joined the Dining Out group for a fabulous Italian dinner at Buon Appetito in October. We discussed going to Aroma, an Indian Restaurant, in Castro Village. With the Autumn Festival this past Saturday, the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the December AAUW Holiday Party and all the December holiday celebrations, let's put off going to Aroma until January. I'll try to put something in the Shareline and send a reminder through Yahoo groups. With the money saved by not dining out in November and December, please consider making a gift card donation to FESCO or ESP.

You can contact Ashley at FESCO about making a direct donation for a family by calling 886-5473 or emailing her at adasilva@fescofamilyshelter.org You can also bring gift cards to the Holiday Party.

Thanks, Sandy Boswell

Please join us for the TRI-BRANCH LUNCHEON

Sponsored by the Hayward/Castro Valley, Fremont and Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branches of AAUW

Date: **Saturday, February 5, 2011**

Time: 11 AM - 2 PM

Place: Sunol Valley Golf Club
6900 Mission Rd.
Sunol, Ca 94586

Cost: \$32.00 per person

Menu: Poached Salmon, Chicken Piccata, Vegetarian Tortellini

Speaker: Wendy Walker, attending UCB for her MBA in Sustainable Business and Finance.

Mail your reservations to Linda Slater, Hayward/Castro Valley AAUW, made out to AAUW H/CV to

26 Via Verde San Lorenzo, CA 94580. Any questions can come to me at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

MEMBER NEWS

The branch was saddened to hear of the passing of longtime member Irene Zook on Saturday, November 13th. Irene passed away in the health center at Baywood Court. She had recently been hospitalized for hip surgery following a fall in her Baywood apartment. Irene celebrated her 90th birthday on October 26.

Irene Zook was an honorary life member of the Hayward/Castro Valley branch, having joined AAUW in 1957. She was active all through the years and especially enjoyed being a part of the Book Review Group. A thoughtful, kind lady, Irene will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be announced later.

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 corresponding secretary Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or by email at bb_jones@pacbell.net. Let's let our friends know we care.

STATE CONVENTION 2011

Save the date: **April 8, 9, 10, 2011** at the Marriott Irvine.

Celebrating 90 Years of AAUW-California! If there ever was a convention to attend this is the one! We have been planning for you and we have an exciting convention scheduled. A fabulous 90th Celebration Gala and reception will take place on Saturday night being planned by the AAUW-CA Past State Presidents; On Sunday we will host a plenary on California Women - Past, Present, Future and we will close the Convention on a high note with Lilly Ledbetter at our AAUW-CA Funds Brunch. Contact Carlynne McDonnell 909-964-3187.

WINTER FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

We hope that many of you are planning to bring items for this year's Winter Festival Silent Auction. All profits will benefit the AAUW Fund. Suggested items this year include: Homemade Baked Items, Gift Baskets, Gift Certificates from Local Restaurants and Businesses, Handmade Art & Craft Items, and "White Elephant" or Gently Used Items.

Attached are blank bid sheets. We ask that you fill out one bid sheet for each item you bring. When you arrive put your item, with its bid sheet, on one of the auction tables. If your item is a gift certificate, find the area on a table that is designated "Gift Certificates" and put the bid sheet there, but give the actual certificate to one of our cashiers. There will be extra bid sheets at the auction, but we're hoping to have most all filled out in advance.

Thank you for your holiday cheer and generosity.

Dani Stonelake

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

There is no cost to members but a donation is requested to the AAUW Fund.

Make checks payable to AAUW H/CV

Send to Peggy Robinson, 24527 Marie Dr, Hayward 94542

Member Name: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

I will bring an hors d'oeuvre to share: _____YES _____NO

I will bring a gift card(s) for the shelters: _____YES _____NO

Gift cards to stores such as Target, Sears, Payless Shoes to be spent on children's shoes, clothing, etc. for shelter residents. The Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) and the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) are both 501©(3) organizations; therefore all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

I will bring an item(s) for the auction: _____YES _____NO

Suggestions: Gift baskets; Homemade foodstuffs, art and craft items; Merchant donated gift certificates for goods and services; Unused re-gifting items of some value. Bring auction items and bid sheets with you on the day of the party.

Please complete one bid sheet for each item. Bring the bid sheet, along with the item, when you come to the Holiday Party and Silent Auction on December 13. Put the item and it's bid sheet on one of the auction tables when you arrive. There will be extra blank bid sheets at the event but we're hoping to have the bid sheets filled out in advance. Thanks.

SILENT AUCTION BID SHEET

Item: _____ Approx Value: \$ _____

Donated by: _____ Minimum bid: \$ _____

INCREASE BIDS BY \$1.00 OR MORE

1 _____ 8 _____

2 _____ 9 _____

3 _____ 10 _____

4 _____ 11 _____

5 _____ 12 _____

6 _____ 13 _____

7 _____ 14 _____