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Title IX and Athletics for Women and Girls in Our Local Schools

May 22 <> 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave, CV**

Title IX has prohibited sex discrimination in education for more than 35 years. Although Title IX has brought significant improvements for women and girls, there are still areas of striking inequality. The AAUW in partnership with the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center and the Women's Sports Foundation has launched a national Title IX project to raise awareness about the current status of Title IX and what we as AAUW members can do to help.

Title IX is one of the key civil rights issues of the 21st century. Although there have been significant positive changes as a result of Title IX, nationally, girls are still not afforded equal participation opportunities. For example, girls are 49% of high school students but just 41% of high school athletes; California numbers are comparable.

The Hayward-Castro Valley Branch is one of the first in California to bring a program about the AAUW's National Title IX Project to our members. Branch member Elizabeth Kristen, a lawyer at the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center and the Director of the LAS-ELC's Title IX K-12 Equality Project, will moderate the program, organized by Liz Bathgate. Joining Ms. Kristen on the panel will be, Linda Campana, a long time teacher at Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, Debby De Angelis, Cal State East Bay Women's Athletics Director, and student athletes.

Ms. Kristen and her organization have engaged in advocacy at the high school level to ensure that young women have equal opportunities to participate in athletics. Athletic participation provides benefits in terms of health, education, and employment outcomes. Utilizing community education, negotiation, and litigation, the LAS-ELC has achieved significant improvements in conditions for girls at California High Schools. For example, as a result of a lawsuit against the Alhambra School District, the District developed new softball fields for girls that were comparable to the new baseball fields that the City and the District had built for boys a few years before. In San Diego, a lawsuit against the Sweetwater District has forced significant improvements for female athletes at Castle Park High School.

Ms. Campana is a long-time teacher at the Mission San Jose High School who has seen the evolution of high school sports participation over the past 35 years. She will share her perspective on high school sports participation and its benefits to young women. Ms. De Angelis is the Athletic Director at Cal State East Bay. She will share her perspective about Title IX's impact on athletic participation at the college level. Student athletes will provide a personal perspective on what athletics means to them.

Drama Reading Group

This will be the last play we will receive this year. We meet at **7pm** at Liz Bathgate's home on **May 5th**.

The play this month is Noel Coward's *Relative Values*. It is a comedy of manners in which an American movie actress is preparing to wed a British star. Smack in the middle of a sedate dinner in the English mansion comes Miranda's former flame and current Hollywood sensation. The play continues with a number of funny circumstances and should prove to be a really great play to read. There are 10 parts so we need everyone to come and enjoy the play, the conversation, and, of course, the dessert and tea.

All are welcome!!

22112 Queen St, Castro Valley

581-0461

Bunco Group

When: Friday, **May 21**, from **6:30 to 9:30 pm**

Where: Dee Butner's House
4789 Rollingshills Way, CV

RSVP: Dee Butner by May 14 at **537-8541**

We enjoy having new players join us. We need 12 players.

Our pre-game meal will be appetizers, wine, and other drinks. We will end the evening with coffee and dessert. When you RSVP you will be assigned something to bring.

Please bring \$5 in \$1 increments. This is a great game for meeting new people.

We ask that players be on time -- we want to end the evening at a reasonable hour.

Car-pooling can be arranged.

Book Review Group

Monday afternoon, **May 17th**, the Book Review Group will meet from **2-4 pm** at the home of Berna Neumiller.

Barbara Jones will review Alexander McCall Smith's delightful 2008 novel *La's Orchestra Saves the World*. Refreshments will be served.

This is our last meeting until October. Please join us for an afternoon of friendship, books, and treats. If you have questions or need directions, please call Berna at 538-6650.

21407 Tanglewood Dr, CV

Dining Out Group

Join us for our latest get-together on Monday, **May 17, at 6 pm** at

Sizzler Steakhouse
24107 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward
(Corner of Hesperian & Winton)

New branch members are especially welcomed.

Bring your family and friends for a fun evening of food, conversation, and fellowship.

For info, call Nancy Turner at **732-9098**.

Successful Showing for Film Screening

by Nancy Turner

On March 24, 2010, our branch welcomed 46 people who attended the screening of a short film by Idara Udofia about Senegalese women basketball players, and the choices and challenges that they face. The screening of the 15 minute film was sponsored by AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley, Women's Ministries of 1st Presbyterian Church, and Joyful Eye Productions. A lively question and answer period with the director followed the film.

Idara is a 22 year old Nigerian-American, born and raised in California's Bay Area, and a graduate of Castro Valley High School. She has lived in Manhattan for the past four years attending Columbia University where she achieved a degree in Political Science and Anthropology. During the summer of 2009, she worked for an NGO in Nigeria where she studied maternal health issues. Idara will be returning to Columbia University in the fall of 2010 to begin law school. During her time off before law school, she will be living between Dakar, Senegal, and the Bay Area to complete the film. Idara has fused her passion for social justice and art to use film as a medium to unearth, confront, and redress social inequities.

Opening with a critique of media and Africa in the media, the short moves on to show the honor of being a professional female basketball player in Senegal. Yet, this prestige comes with a price. These women must make major sacrifices, and this film touches on a few of them. As the main characters are briefly introduced, the short unveils the rivalry between last year's championship team and the runner up. As it comes to an end, we see that these women are in a special position to change their lives and those that follow in similar athletic pursuits, making them revolutionists in their own right.

We hope to be able to provide a follow-up program with Idara upon her return from Senegal this summer



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It is time to get out and enjoy the sunshine and the outdoors after all the rain we had this winter! You need not be a walker to participate in the event – come for the conviviality. It is a fundraiser for the AAUW Funds.

Walkathon - Board Installation - Potluck Picnic

June 5 <> 10:30 am -- 2:00 pm

**Lake Chabot Regional Park
17600 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley**

**Attendance Fee: \$10.00 per person
Sponsorship fee: \$5.00 suggested minimum (tax deductible) ****

Ask family, friends, associates, everyone, to sponsor you to complete the distance you choose. Bring along a walking partner. If you're not going to walk, adopt one of the walkers and solicit sponsors on her behalf. Or give a donation. Proceeds benefit the AAUW Funds (formerly the Educational Foundation).

Lake Chabot is a wonderful place to see all kinds of wildlife -- ducks, geese, great blue herons, birds of all kinds, deer -- with wonderful trails to enjoy around the lake. You can find out what fish are being caught that day.

We will have a picnic at noon along with the installation of our new officers. For the potluck, we would like to have people bring some nice salads and things that go with them, like sandwich makings and some cookies, to make it perfect. Drinks will be provided, as well as paper plates, etc.

For more info and to sign up, call me, Dee Donaldson, at 538-3415 .

There is a \$5 parking fee, so we suggest car-pooling: Call Liz Bathgate at 581-0461. Our spot will be near the parking lot -- we will have signs to guide you.

**You will find a sponsor signup sheet at the end of this newsletter – use it to keep track of the money you collect, which you will bring to the picnic.

See you there!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 20 – 6:30 PM
Liz Bathgate's home: **22112 Queen St, CV**

All members are welcome to attend –
bring your concerns and ideas

Meet the Author

The branch will again co-sponsor a Meet the Author program at the **Hayward Library** on Saturday, **May 29**, when best-selling author Tiffany Baker discusses her recent novel *The Little Giant of Aberdeen County*. The program will begin at **2 pm**. We are once again asked to provide refreshments.

More details in the next issue.

Barbara Jones



State Convention 2010 -- Soaring to New Heights

April 30 to May 2

**San Ramon Marriott Hotel
2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon**

See all the convention details at aauw-ca.org or
the current issue of *California PERSPECTIVE Magazine*

The Power of One Vote

All members of every branch are eligible to vote at the convention even if they are not registered to attend any of the workshops. If you have a friend running for office and wish to vote for her, all you have to do is go to the Marriott in San Ramon, and go to the credentials desk and tell them that you are there to vote. They will give you the necessary badge and you can go to the voting room and cast your ballot. Voting will be open from 7am to 5pm on Saturday May 1st.

Liz Bathgate

Membership

Dues are now due

National AAUW is offering us the chance to use either a check or credit card to pay our dues.

To use your credit card:

- (1) Go to AAUW.org and click on Member Center, which is at the right hand side of the page.
- (2) Then go to Member Services Data Base. Log in using your membership number (if you have forgotten it, send me an email and I will get it for you). Establish a password.
- (3) Then go to Membership Payment Program MPP. The branch name and your membership status will pop up. It will tell you how much you owe for National, State and Branch Dues and offer you the opportunity to give extra money to the fund of your choice.
- (4) Below that will be the credit card information slots to fill in and submit.
It will save me a lot of paperwork and expense if you do it as an individual using your credit card.

To pay by check: Make your check out to AAUW and send it to Liz Bathgate at 22112 Queen Street, CV, 94546.

The dues structure is as follows:

Branch Member:	\$80 -- \$46	of this can be written off as a donation to AAUW which is a 501c3
Life Member:	31 -- 15	of this is to our branch and \$16 goes to the State AAUW
Honorary Life:	15 -- 15	Send me a check directly to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Shareline to those without email
Student:	48 -- 17	goes to National, \$15 to our branch, and \$16 to State
Dual Member:	15 -- 15	goes to our branch

Please take care of your dues as you read this article

If you have a granddaughter, daughter or friend graduating from college this year, they are eligible for a free National AAUW membership. The only dues that they would have to pay would be branch and state dues wherever they live. If they live in our area, we would welcome them as members of our branch.

As we all know there are many of us who find these dues to be a struggle to meet in these recession times. We do have an Angel Fund which we can use to help cover some of your dues. If you are in that situation, we don't want you to drop out of our wonderful organization. Just send me what you can afford and indicate you need the help of the Angel Fund.

We ask that those who would like to donate to the Angel Fund to please send me a separate check and I will see that it is put as a donation into the Angel Fund for others to use.

I am always interested in contacting women who might be interested in being members of our branch. This year we added 23 new members and I would like to be able to continue showing women of all ages what wonderful things AAUW does toward Equity and Education for All Women and Girls!!!

Liz Bathgate

Title IX Victory in Hawaii

A federal judge in Hawaii has ruled that the Hawaii Department of Education and Maui County are both in violation of Title IX, a law requiring equal athletic opportunities for girls and boys. A lawsuit was filed by the parents of three Baldwin High School softball players, claiming the team was forced to play on an unsafe, inconvenient, and irregular-sized field, while the baseball team plays at a 1,500 seat stadium. Federal Judge David Ezra said that the inequity was clear and that the softball facilities failed in comparison to baseball facilities. The state Department of Education has announced plans to build a new softball stadium set to be completed in 2012.

AAUW strongly supports Title IX and opposes any efforts that would weaken its effectiveness or undermine its enforcement. AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program "...advocates vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education

Case Support

AAUW has signed an amicus brief for *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, a case that will be argued before the U. S. Supreme Court. The court will rule whether or not the University of California Hastings College of Law may deny school funding to a religious student organization because the group requires its officers and voting members to agree with its religious viewpoints. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld the university's policy. AAUW joins other amicus signers in supporting the school, the separation of church and state, and religious liberty. You can read the amicus brief of our partner, the Anti-Defamation League.

There are no new updates this month on the five cases LAF currently supports. Learn about their status on the AAUW website

Meet our new Tech Trekkers

at a pot luck picnic hosted by the Tech Trek Committee. The girls will be going to camp at Sonoma State University in June. Bring a picnic main dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share. We will provide plates, cutlery, napkins, and soft drinks.

Who: 2010 Tech Trekkers and all of the H/CV members
When: Saturday, May 15
Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Where: Sulphur Creek Nature Center, 1801 D Street, Hayward
RSVP: Judy Harrison at 510-889-1431, cell: 388-1423

The campers are Amparo Choto, Martin Luther Jr. Middle School, Hayward; Erinn Herring, John Muir Middle School, San Leandro; Amy Mao, Canyon Middle School, Castro Valley; Kelly Navarro, Kipp Academy, San Lorenzo.

Judy Harrison

Members, Have Your Say

Member Seena Clark sent this invitation:

Nine joyful women sing jazz standards, pop and rock tunes
in tight harmonies and gorgeous arrangements

GIRLFRIENDZ

Saturday, May 15, 8:00 pm, and Sunday, May 16, 2:00 pm

San Leandro Main Library Theater

300 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro

Tickets: \$10 General admission / \$5 Seniors

Get your tickets from Seena Clark at 568-2336

