

The Shareline

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2 & 10 – Drama Reading
January 23 – Deadline for EF Luncheon signup
January 21 – Book Review Group
February 2, – Tri-Branch EF Luncheon
February 17- atinee performance of “The Mousetrap” 2:00ppm
February 19 – Dining fundraiser at Tony Roma’s
March 18 – Dining Fundraiser @ Pasta Pomodoro



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Tri-Branch Educational Foundation Luncheon

Come hear Amna Kahn speak about her life and hopes for working in the field of medicine. She is the Special Professions Fellow the scouting committee unanimously chose to invite to this term's Tri-Branch EF Luncheon on February 2. Amna graciously accepted, and she's excited to be meeting us.

We'll be lunching on Chicken Piccata, Grilled Salmon, or Tortellini Primavera with members from our neighboring branches in the airy Pavilion Room of the lovely Sunol Valley Golf Club. The non-deductible tab is \$32.00.

Not to be missed is the lively Silent Auction. Bring all your no-longer-wanted stuff to this gathering, then bid on items you fancy. Of note, each branch will contribute a surprise basket. The money raised is to benefit AAUW's all-important Educational Foundation -- please be generous!

The deadline for signing up is January 22. Please don't put it off because we must tell Sunol how many attendees to expect. As a matter of fact, we must pay for 75 attendees whether that many register or not. May we count on you to be included in H/CV's contingent of 25-30 members? It's our chance to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Please complete the reservation form below. **Make checks payable to AAUW H/CV and send to Erica Campisi, 841 Hampton Rd., Hayward, CA 94541-1421. For information contact **Bonnie Smith** at 510-581-6747 and to arrange carpooling call **Liz Bathgate** at 510-581-0461.**

The reservation form is on page 2.

President's Message

Happy New Year Branch Members!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, whether with family, friends, or on your own. 2008 promises to be a banner year, with elections, conventions, and events. I hope you all watch out for the mission-based activities our branch has planned that correspond to your own interests, then come out to help, chair, support or sponsor. Together we affect change!

Coming up, is the Tri-Branch luncheon on February 2, 2008. This is an annual collaboration event between Hayward/Castro Valley, Fremont, and Livermore-Dublin-Pleasanton branches. **Look for the reservation sheet in this Shareline.** I hope every member will be motivated to turn out to enjoy the speaker, the luncheon, and to support the Educational Foundation.

On a personal note, my resolution for 2008 is to stay connected to friends, family and my community partners, like all of you, on a real regular basis. Throughout the year I get wrapped up in multiple activities like work, the tax season, AAUW, travel, notary and keeping up a home. I often find myself neglecting to stop, take a minute, and send a friendly email or make a short phone call to say "hi, how are you doing, what's new with you?". This connection only takes me a few minutes, but as my mother-in-law, my nieces, and my girlfriends often remind me, it means alot to them. So here's to doing better in '08!

One way I plan on "doing better" is to provide a personal tidbit, each month, so you'll have an opportunity to get to know me better. I believe that organizations thrive when there is a feeling of commardarie among the members. Commardarie comes through getting to know each other. So, if you would like to share a New Years resolution, please send it to me for publication in the Shareline for February or March. I'd like to get to know each of you a little better too.

I hope to see everyone at the Tri Branch Luncheon.

Linda Slater
Branch President

TRI-BRANCH EF LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM
DEADLINE: JANUARY 22

WHEN: Saturday, February 2, 2008, 11:30 – 2:30

WHERE: Sunol Valley Golf Club – Pavilion Room

COST: \$32.00 per person (non-tax deductible)

Make checks payable to AAUW H/CV

Send to Erica Campisi, 841 Hampton Rd., Hayward, CA 94541-1421

SILENT AUCTION: I will bring item(s) to the luncheon for sale

ENTRÉE CHOICE (Check desired entrée(s):

Chicken Piccata **Grilled Salmon** **Tortellini Primavera**

NAME: _____ **BRANCH** _____

GUEST(S): _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

Dining Fundraisers

There will be two dining fundraisers this winter. **On Tuesday, February 19th**, Tony Roma's Ribs, Seafood, Steaks, at 32135 Union Landing Blvd., Union City, will guarantee the branch 10% of the money we spend at their restaurant. The hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The restaurant is directly across from the movie theatres - see a movie and have a good meal. Flyers must be presented when paying your bill so the branch gets credit.

On Tuesday, March 18, Pasta Pomodoro in San Ramon is the location for dining and raising money for scholarships and Tech Trek. The pasta restaurant is located at 146 Sunset Drive in San Ramon, in the Bishop Ranch shopping area, across from Whole Foods. Hours are 11:00 to 9:30, and Pasta Pomodoro will donate 10% of the total food sales (excluding alcoholic, non-alcoholic beverages, tax and gratuity). Flyers are needed to give the branch credit.

Flyers will be available in future issues of the *Shareline*. They are also available from Barbara Jones, 538.0516 or bb_jones@pacbell.net

Enjoy a good meal out with family and friends and help the branch reach its goal for scholarships funds.

Future dining fundraisers for the spring will be announced in future editions of the "Shareline".

A Sunday Afternoon at the Theater

Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, **February 17th, at 2 p.m.** The branch has made arrangements to see the all time favorite Agatha Christie murder mystery, "*The Mousetrap*", at Chanticleer Theatre in Castro Valley. Tickets will be \$20, and proceeds from the play will go to Tech Trek.

This is a play your whole family will enjoy. Encourage friends and neighbors to join us as well. To make advance reservations now, call **Peggy Robinson at 728.0450**.

Make your plans now for a special Sunday afternoon of fine theatre.

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Drama Reading:

The Thursday Drama group will meet at the Green Shutter Gallery at 1:30pm on the 10th of January. The Wednesday evening group will meet at 7:00pm. on January 2nd at Liz Bathgate's home. The play this month, "Down An Alley Filled With Cats", by Warwick Moss, has a two person cast and is "a sort of old-fashioned suspense drama calculated to raise the fur in the back of your neck....a nice creepy dramatic adventure".

Book Review Group

Monday afternoon, January 21, is the first meeting of the Book Review Group for 2008. We will meet at the home of Margaret Smith, 5934 Highwood Road, Castro Valley, from 2-4 p.m. Pat Buchanan will review Barack Obama's autobiography, ***Dreams from My Father***. Refreshments will be served.

The meeting is open to all branch members who enjoy good books, special friends, delicious refreshments, and rewarding discussions. Margaret's phone number is 581.7035, if you have any questions or need directions.

Member News

Former branch member Pat Willis is ill with leukemia. Recent reports are that she is responding to treatment. Her many friends send their wishes for her continued better health.

If you know a member who needs congratulations, get well wishes, or needs to know her many friends are here for her, please contact Corresponding Secretary Barbara Jones at bb_jones@pacbell.net or 538.0516. Let's let our friends know we care.

GOOD NEWS FOR TECH TREK

We have more money for Tech Trek scholarships in 2008 than reported in the previous "Shareline" issue. Ruth Kuffin and Linda Slater were able to sell a total of 57 tickets to the benefit performance of "*Pete 'N Keely*" at the California Conservatory Theatre on October 4. That gave us \$1,140 toward new scholarships. **Happy New Year for Tech Trek!**

THE GROWTH OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This year California Educational Foundation, (EF) awarded 41 fellows and grants recipients from contributions and the dues and fundraising efforts of its branches. We are privileged to present one of those beneficiaries of our largess at the Tri-Branch EF Luncheon on February 2. Amna Kahn is a Selected Professions Fellow, now in her third year, studying medicine at UCSF.

AAUW has had a fellowship and scholarship program since its earliest days, but EF as we know it is only fifty years old. In the early 1950's, members of AAUW were struggling with the issue of using the college educations they were getting in greater numbers and keeping the domestic parts of their lives in balance. Frances Concordia exemplified this balancing of family and professional talents that AAUW sought to promote.

After receiving degrees from the University of Michigan and Northwestern University, Concordia entered the world of investment counseling in 1936. Six years later she moved to General Electric as a market and economic research analyst. It was at GE, that Concordia was recruited by her boss's wife to join AAUW. She found the wide range of AAUW community activities attractive. In 1953, like many women of that period, she left her job to devote herself to her family and community. She used her professional training in volunteer efforts and served on branch, state, and national boards.

As national treasurer, Concordia found the Association finances in bad shape. She recognized the need for Association funds to be managed more efficiently and that EF funds required a separate financial structure. She was anxious to see research and fellowship programs garner more funds and those funds be put to work. She believed programs and fundraising could be combined into a building plan under the structure of an educational foundation. The Educational Foundation (EF) was established in 1955 and in 1958 the Foundation received tax exempt status. She and Lucy Howorth were instrumental in the construction of a building to house AAUW, completed in July of 1960.

The first endowment was launched with \$10,000 from the administrative reserve and a gift from Frances Concordia's husband. The EF spurred new giving and 9 fellowships were given in 1940. These fellowships expanded to 74 in 1960 and 107 in 1963. During the 2007-2008 academic year, the AAUW EF provided a total of \$4.1 million to 253 recipients of fellowships, grants and special awards. EF fellowships and research grants have continued to grow because members believe in supporting women working to find new areas of research and helping them meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Hats off to Frances Concordia and those who worked with her to make the Educational Foundation a reality and a fellowship for Amna Kahn possible.

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