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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 – Cabernet & Chocolate: 7:00-9:00pm
November 4 – Election Day-**VOTE**
November 5 – Drama Reading: “Our Town” 7:00pm
November 17 – Book Review Group: “Molokai”, 2:00 – 4:00pm
December 7 - ”A Tale of Cinderella”
December 13 – Holiday Party 1:30 – 3:30pm

AAUW HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

You are Invited to Attend a Fundraiser for the

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

A CABERNET & CHOCOLATE EVENING

Saturday, November 1st, from 7:00 to 9:00pm
4473 Hillsborough Dr., Castro Valley

Dan Siegel: The Changing Face of LAF
Enjoy the Music of Dave Krug, at the Piano

Eat homemade chocolate & other desserts baked by branch members
Drink wine & enjoy the fellowship of friends and new acquaintances

The reservation/sign-up sheet is on page 8.

President’s Message – Linda Slater

Hello Fellow Members

Well, fall is officially here! The weather is changing, the leaves are turning, and the holidays are looming. It's also a good time to start planning to attend the fun social events planned in the coming months: the Cabernet & Chocolate event (11/1), the Cinderella play (12/1), and the Holiday Party (12/13). I hope to see you at any or all of these wonderful events. See more details inside this Shareline.

This month I also wanted to make you aware of Member Advantages (Discounts and Benefits) from AAUW National. Save time and money with AAUW discount programs and value-added services. Exclusively for AAUW members!

AAUW has designed a portfolio of services and programs that can enhance your professional and personal lives. Visit www.aauw.org - click on Join/Renew then click on Member Discounts.

Travel (Gohagan Travel) provides exciting, educational travel tours and experiences that you are sure to enjoy! The 2009 AAUW trips have been planned to destinations such as Tahiti, French Polynesia, Italian Lakes and Europe!

Publications (ShopAAUW) From authoritative research reports to practical guides, AAUW provides tools to address the critical challenges facing women and girls.

AAUW merchandise (ShopAAUW) Purchase great gifts and quality merchandise from our Equity Essentials Catalog. T-shirts, umbrellas, tote bags, pens, magnets and more.

Automobile insurance (GEICO) The GEICO auto insurance program offers AAUW members quality car coverage with award-winning 24-hour sales, policy, and claims service.

Books and music (Amazon.com) Every time you order books, music, and more from online discounter Amazon.com through AAUW’s website, a percentage of your sale supports AAUW’s programs and services.

Credit Card (USB) The interest payments are going away with the American Association of University Women Visa Platinum Card, now offering a low introductory rate on purchases and balance transfers through 2009.

Health-care and life insurance (MARSH) AAUW insurance plans are designed for you in every phase of your life.

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You and your family and guests are warmly invited to celebrate
Winter Festivals Around The World
A benefit for the Educational Foundation



HOLIDAY PARTY

SILENT AUCTION

DECEMBER 13 •• 1:30 – 3:30

Eden United Church of Christ
Birch and Grove, Hayward

\$7 Pre-registered (\$8 at door) - Kids 16 and under, Free
Champagne, Wine, and Martinelli's will be served

**Please bring an hor d'oeuvres to share
and
an item(s) for the Auction ****

Please don't forget FESCO and ESP -- they would be grateful for any gift cards and donations.

For questions about the Party, please contact Helene Carr at 538-3743 or helene carr@comcast.net;

for the Auction, contact Linda Slater at 481-5304 or slarerl@sbcglobal.net;
and for Carpooling, contact Liz Bathgate at 581-0461 or lbbathgate@worldnet.att.net.

**** gift baskets, homemade baked goods and other foodstuffs, handmade art and craft items, merchant donated gift certificates for goods and services, unused re-gifting items of some value**

Please send your check and the Registration Form below by December 1st to Barbara Jones, 3595 Oakes Dr, Hayward 94542

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**American
Association of
University Women**

Hayward/Castro
Valley Branch

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.aauw.org

(national site)

<http://aauw-hcv.org>

(local site)



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

The November meeting of the Book Review Group will be held on Monday, November 17th, from 2:00 – 4:00pm, at the home of Dee Butner, 4789 Rollinghills Way, Castro Valley. Eva Kastel will review **Molokai, by Alan Brennert**, a novel about leprosy, based on true events at the Hawaiian leper colony in the early 20th century. A discussion will follow Eva's review. Refreshments will be served.

The Book Review Group is open to all members who like to hear about special books others are enjoying and discuss them. We enjoy good friendships and good books. Please come and join us. If you have questions about the meeting or need directions, call **Dee at 537- 8541**.

DRAMA READING GROUP

The play reading will take place on **November 5th** at **Genie Lester's home** since I will be away. The meeting time is still 7pm and the play to be read this month is "**Our Town**" by **Thornton Wilder**.

Member News

On **October 7**, Lois Mahaney passed away after suffering a couple of heart attacks. Lois was very active in the **League of Women Voters** where she was the editor of their newsletter for many years and gave many hours to register people to vote and get the information out about ballot measures. **She also was the editor for the California Retired Teachers newsletter**.

She was a very positive person who never was judgmental of others. She will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

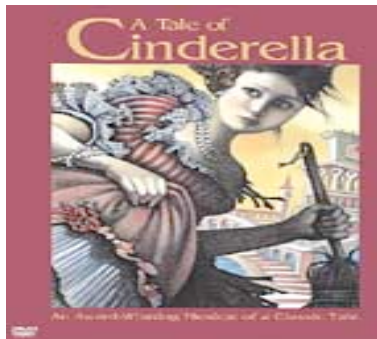
Sad news from Peggy Robinson as her son Angus passed away after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Besides his mother, Angus is survived by his wife, his son, one brother, two sisters, two nephews, and many friends. Our condolences to the entire Robinson family.

Please send your corresponding secretary information on members who need cards and notes of congratulations, sympathy, encouragement or just letting them know friends are here and we do care. Contact Barbara Jones by phone, 538-0516, or by e-mail at : bb_jones@pacbell.net.

SWEET FUNDRAISERS

Once again the branch is raising money for **local scholarship and Tech Trek** girls by selling See's candy products. Available are boxes of See's wonderful peanut brittle; 5 oz. boxes are \$5.00 each. The branch receives a 50% profit from each sale. Stock up now for a delightful holiday stocking stuffer your family and friends will love. We still have a few See's gift certificates available for \$14.50. You will make your friends and family happy and will help the branch's scholarship fundraising. For peanut brittle, contact Liz Bathgate at 581.0461; for the gift certificates call Peggy Robinson at 728.0450. Both items will be on sale at the Holiday Party on December 13th.

A Tech Trek Benefit Performance of



Sunday, December 7, 2 pm

Douglas Morrison Theatre

223 N Third St, Hayward

\$25.00 per ticket

A Tale of Cinderella is a delightful musical version of the classic story, set in Venice at the time of fairytales and magic. It features a beautiful score, which will enchant you from the orchestra's first notes to the fairytale ending when the shoe fits and all live happily ever after.

Send a check made out to AAUW H/CV

to Peggy Robinson, 24527 Marie Dr, Hayward 94542.

Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the tickets.

Tech Trek is a weeklong summer math/science/technology camp designed to develop interests, excitement, and self-confidence in girls entering the 8th grade. It gives them the opportunity to meet like-minded girls from other schools and to be counseled by female role models in non-traditional careers.

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Magazines (MagazineLine) Save up to 85 percent on more than 900 national magazines when you order through AAUW's subscription magazine service

New Moon products for girls (New Moon)

AAUW is shaping the future for women and girls and has partnered with New Moon to offer exciting merchandise that celebrates girls.

With each purchase, AAUW receives a royalty, which is used to support our programs and services, including community programs, leadership development, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, and branch resources.

Questions? Call the AAUW Helpline at 800/326-AAUW (2289) or e-mail helpline@aauw.org.

Have fun browsing for member advantages and discounts. I'll see you soon at one of the upcoming events.

Linda Slater, Branch President

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

Total amount included: \$ _____ \$7.00/person, Pre-registration (\$8.00 at door); Kids 16 & under, Free.
Make checks payable to AAUW H/CV
Send to Barbara Jones at 3595 Oakes 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 with you on the day of the party.

Item: _____ Value: _____ Minimum Bid: _____

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AAUW CA The BIG PICTURE

AAUW is on the brink of a profound and yet simple and logical move. By the end of June 2009, our Educational Foundation will have consolidated with the Association, under the name AAUW, to become a unified 501(c) (3) charitable organization. We will retain a small (c) (4) operation that encompasses our lobbying work. Because most of our work on Capitol Hill and in the state legislatures is the advocacy of our members, it is not implicated by the (c) (4) lobbying regulations and will continue to be part of the (c) (3) charitable activities of our organization. Your donations will go directly to AAUW as tax deductible charitable contributions. Thus your membership dues will no longer be treated as (c) (4) contributions but will be considered membership donations.

The core messages shared by AAUW are our vision, our mission, and our new value promise.

*Vision- AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

*Mission – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

*Value Promise – By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

During its first 26 years the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund offered plaintiff support to people fighting sex discrimination in higher education through financial assistance and outreach for their cases. LAF is shifting away from direct support of plaintiffs, as we know it. Instead LAF plans to focus its direct case support strategically, seeking cases that have a potential for all women, not just in academia, which aligns more closely with the Value Promise. LAF will continue direct case funding support for current plaintiffs under the existing procedures through December 31, 2008, but will not post new plaintiff applications and will not receive any new applicants. If you designate a California plaintiff or any other plaintiff by December 31, 2008 that money will go to that plaintiff. Monies donated to the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach will continue to go there. Your continued help and financial support for LAF is crucial. Change can be challenging, but I know California is up to the challenge and will continue to support LAF through this transition.

AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman met on July 22, 2008 with key leaders of women's and civil rights organizations to discuss our plans to support strategic litigations in the wider workplace and to gain their collaboration in those efforts. The organizations included in this discussion have lawyers on staff litigating cases related to LAF priorities: People for the American Way, the National Women's Law Center, the National Partnership for Women and Families, The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Equal Rights Advocates, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Women's Law Project, the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Northwest Women's Law Center. During her concluding remarks, Hallman talked about how she believes organizations need to be "fluid, flexible, and responsive," and how that is the approach AAUW is taking with LAF. Attendees were invited to continue to brainstorm how LAF could partner with them on strategic litigation and to send suggestions via e-mail or by phone in the coming weeks.

LAF's new focus on strategic litigation and working in collaboration with civil and women's rights organizations has strong potential for establishing precedent of making significant contributions to advancing equity or reducing discriminatory workplace practices for all women and girls.

Rozanne Child EF/LAF Director

CABERNET & CHOCOLATE RESERVATION FORM

Name(s) _____

@\$20.00/person _____ (make check to AAUW H/CV)

I will bring the following dessert _____

Additional tax deductible donation to AAUW LAF \$ _____

For late reservations call Bonnie Smith: 581-6747 Pay at the door

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND RECAP

The panel discussion, we recently put on, was a success. Upwards of 40 people turned out to hear the panelists, whose discussion about this controversial education act was entertaining, informative, courteous, and at times, contentious. The teachers were especially well received, as they described first-hand how NCLB has affected the children in their classrooms.

The event would not have been possible without **Evelyn Gertler**. She did a fantastic job coordinating the panel (County Schools Superintendent Sheila Jordan, CSUEB Asst. Prof. Jeanette Bicais, and OSD teachers: Diana Velez and Barbara Schmidt). Evelyn also worked with the co-sponsors (The Hayward Public Library), The Eden Area League of Women Voters, and The Friends of the Hayward Public Library, especially Sean Reinhart. Congratulations, also, to Evelyn's committee members here at H/CV.

A SMALL BUT SUCCESSFUL WALKATHON

A good time was had by all seven of the participants. They enjoyed fine weather, congenial company, and a tasty potluck picnic at Lake Chabot a few weeks ago. Importantly, they and several other member **donors raised \$790.00 for the Educational Foundation**. Sincere thanks go to the participants and their sponsors and the donors for supporting EF.

You have already marked your calendars for the annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13, at Eden Church, and are looking forward to a pleasant afternoon of good food, champagne, and visits with good friends. In addition, let's plan to make the holidays more cheerful for those in the community who are having a difficult time.

At each holiday party over the years, we have collected gifts to be taken to Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) and to the Emergency Services Program (ESP), both here in Hayward. This year both organizations are requesting gift cards which they can use to fulfill their long wish lists. Suggested businesses include Walgreen's, Home Depot, Target, Costco, Safeway, or Lucky's. These businesses sell a wide variety of items, from food to clothes to electronic goods the organizations need.

If you prefer to donate items other than gift cards, they request new clothes and school supplies. Neither organization is accepting used clothing at this time. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Bring your gift donations to the holiday party, the cards in an envelope, the other items unwrapped with the price tags still on them. Boxes will be available at the entrance to the social hall for everything.

If you have questions or cannot come to the party but wish to make a donation to FESCO or ESP, please contact Barbara Jones at 538-0516.

Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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