

AAUW  
Hayward/Castro Valley  
October 2008

# The Shareline

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1	Drama Reading Group
October 6	Panel Discussion: "No Child Left Behind" -- FREE
October 11	Walkathon & Picnic
October 20	Book Review Group
October 26	Northern CA EF Fellows Luncheon
November 1	Cabernet & Chocolate
December 7	Theatre: "A Tale of Cinderella"
December 13	Holiday Party – Silent Auction



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## A PANEL DISCUSSION ON NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**HAYWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**835 'C' STREET, HAYWARD**

**Sheila Jordan, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, will explain the law. Dr. Jeanette Bicais, CSUEB, will discuss how the law is taught to future teachers. And schoolteachers Barbara Schmidt and Diane Velez will talk about how the law has affected classroom dynamics. After the discussion, questions will be invited. Refreshments will be served.**

**For more information, contact Evelyn Gertler at (510) 538-0122 or Helene Carr at (510) 538-3743.**

**Co-sponsors: Hayward Public Library, Eden Area League of Women Voters, and Friends of the Hayward Public Library**

## **WALKATHON & POTLUCK PICNIC**

**Because Education Matters**

**October 11, 2008, 10 am – 2 pm**

**Lake Chabot Regional Park**

**17600 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley**

**Participation fee: \$10.00 per walker**

**Sponsorships: \$5.00 suggested minimum (tax deductible)**

**Bring a favorite picnic dish to share**

Ask family, friends, associates, co-worshippers, *everyone*, to sponsor you to complete your chosen course. Bring along a walking partner. If you can't attend, adopt a walker and solicit sponsors on her behalf. Or give a donation.

The first 20 walkers to sign up will get a free tennis shoe keychain!

Every dollar you raise by signing up sponsors goes to fulfilling EF's mission of advancing educational opportunities for women and girls.

For Participation Fees, please make checks payable to AAUW H/CV.

For Sponsorships, please make checks payable to AAUW EF.

For more information and to sign up, contact Bonnie Smith

at (510)581-6747 or [mzzboo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mzzboo@sbcglobal.net)

To arrange carpooling, call Judy Harrison at (510)889-1431

### **LOST**

If anyone knows the whereabouts of a blue glass bowl and wooden servers, please call Ruth Leth at (510)537-9623.

They went missing during the cleanup after the Tamale Feed last May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hill and Valley Club.

### **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.

## DONATING FOR THE MISSION

When we are dues-paying members of AAUW we are saying that we wholeheartedly support our organization's mission of advancing equality for all women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. When we participate in our Branch's fundraisers we are showing that we believe in empowering women and girls to change their lives for the better. And when we make individual donations we are demonstrating our commitment to the cause of helping women and girls live up to their potential, realize their goals, and achieve their rightful place in society without discrimination.

For more than a century, The Educational Foundation has helped nearly 9,000 women from 133 countries pursue their dream of obtaining a graduate degree or making an impact in their community. It is currently providing \$4.5 million in funding for 267 fellowships, grants, and special awards.

If you are financially able, please consider making a donation, at any level, to EF. Because the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity, all gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



If you can and do choose to make an individual contribution to EF, please make your check payable to AAUW Educational Foundation, a requirement for tax deductibility. On the memo portion of the check please state, for example, "In honor of Mary Member" or "In memory of Jane Doe," or designate where you want your money allocated, for example, "Eleanor Roosevelt Fund."

This year we especially would like to see such individual donations go to the Barbara Taylor Reimer Research and Projects Grant #4271. Barbara was a long-time member of our branch; she served as an officer here, as well as at the state level. The grant was established in 2003 with a goal of \$35,000; to date \$21,914 has been donated. If you do donate to Barbara's grant, designate it as such, but also say it's a memorial and ask that a card be sent to Van, her husband.

### How to Contribute:

Give online. To give online (aauw.org), you must use a credit card. Complete the electronic form or make your donation through the Member Services Database.

Give by phone. To give by phone, you must use a credit card. Call 202/728-3307 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

Give by mail. Download and print the contribution form (MS Word). Attach a check or money order made payable to the AAUW Educational Foundation, or provide your credit card information, and mail the contribution form to :

AAUW Development Office  
P.O. Box 630832  
Baltimore, MD 21263-0832

Thank you for supporting The Educational Foundation!

We're on the Web:

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
(national site)

[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)  
(state site)

<http://aauw-hcv.org>  
(local site)

## MEMBER NEWS

Please contact corresponding secretary Barbara Jones if you know a member who will appreciate a note or card of encouragement, sympathy, or congratulations on a special milestone. Let's let our friends know we care. Barbara can be reached at 538.0516 or by e-mail at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Branch members. PY 2008-09 is in full swing. October is a full month of activities beginning with the No Child Left Behind event on the 6<sup>th</sup>, chaired by Evelyn Gertler. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie Smith has planned a fun Walkathon at Lake Chabot to support the Educational Foundation. On the 23rd our branch is honoring Dee Donaldson as our "Shining Star" at the City of Hayward Volunteer Dinner.

Why not consider bringing a friend to one of these terrific AAUW events. Research shows that the most effective way for membership organizations to grow is through members who bring new individuals into the organization. Introduce a friend to AAUW and our Branch by bringing them to one of our programs or fundraisers. Spouses/partners are always welcome!!

Membership growth can also be achieved by giving recent college graduates free AAUW membership. Expose your daughter, granddaughter, niece, or friend to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in advancing equity and education for all women and girls.

Above all, I want to remind everyone that AAUW is a "service" organization. I am going to need your help to keep our Branch active, interesting, and fun. If you have an idea for a program, presentation, or collaboration with other like-minded groups, please contact Helene Carr, Program VP, or myself. Together we will make our branch, our community, and our world a better place for women and girls

*Linda Slater*

## DRAMA READING GROUP

The first meeting of our wonderful play-reading group will be on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at Liz Bathgate's, 22112 Queen St, CV. This month we will read *The White Sheep of the Family* by L. Peach and I. Hay. This is a comedy written in 1957 about a delightful and amusing family who are involved in a large-scale jewel robbery, pick pocketing at the opera, and forging bank notes. When their child decides to marry a bank employee, everything becomes very interesting.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun evening of reading and laughing. Dessert will be served and good conversation is always there.

## BOOK REVIEW GROUP

The year's first meeting of the Book Review Group will be on Monday afternoon, October 20th, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the home of Barbara Jones, 3595 Oakes Drive in Hayward. Mathilde Schmidt will review John Irving's popular 1985 novel, *The Cider House Rules*, followed by a discussion of the book. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions or need directions, call Barbara at 538.0516.

The Book Review Group is one of the branch's most active gatherings. We meet to enjoy books, friendships and ideas. We hope to see you and your friends at our meetings. All branch members are welcome. If you have any questions or want to hear more about the group, call Barbara Jones at the above number, or contact her by e-mail at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net).

Looking forward to seeing you there.



## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND



### **A CABERNET AND CHOCOLATE EVENING**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008, 7 TO 9 P.M.**

**4473 HILLSBOROUGH DR, CASTRO VALLEY**

**Learn about the changing face of LAF**

Eat home made chocolate and other desserts baked by branch members.

Drink wine and enjoy the fellowship of friends and new acquaintances.

**By October 25, tear off and send in the reservation form plus \$20 per person to Bonnie Smith, 571 Blue Jay Dr, Hayward 94544**

#### **CABERNET AND CHOCOLATE RESERVATION FORM**

**Name(s)**\_\_\_\_\_

**@\$20/person\* \$**\_\_\_\_\_ **(make check out to AAUW H/CV)**

**I will bring the following dessert**\_\_\_\_\_

**Additional tax deductible donation to AAUW LAF \$**\_\_\_\_\_

# **The Northern CA EF Fellows Luncheon**

**Sunday, October 26, 2008  
711 Crow Canyon Country Club  
Silver Lake Drive, Danville**

**Honoring 2008-09 Fellow & Grant Recipients**

**\$30.00 per person**

**Send this form and check, payable to AAUW CA, by October 13,  
to AAUW CA, P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067**

Please circle entrée choice:                      NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Chinese Chicken & Prawn Salad                      BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_  
Azteca Chicken Salad                                      POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunburst Salad (vegetarian)                              # RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes iced tea and dessert                              TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_-

**“A TALE OF CINDERELLA”  
Sunday, December 7, 2008, 2 pm  
Douglas Morrison Theatre  
22311 N Third St, Hayward**

**\$25.00 per ticket**

**Send a check made out to AAUW H/CV  
to Peggy Robinson 24527 Marie Drive, Hayward, CA 94542.  
Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the tickets.**

*A Tale of Cinderella* is a delightful musical version of the classic story and is set in Venice in the time of fairytales and magic. It features a beautiful musical 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.

# MILLS COLLEGE TECH TREK 2008

Judy Harrison

Mills College hosted 84 seventh grade girls from June 22 to June 28 at the annual Tech Trek Science camp. Our six Hayward/Castro Valley girls were among the stars who participated in classes, workshops and field trips.



The girls are: clockwise from the front row: Elina Berman, Elena Welsh Ferreyra, Dhalia Gomez, Joy Wangari, Sarah Purves, Valencia Clark.

The girls experienced college and dorm life—everything from shared bathrooms and showers to picking goodies for meals in the cafeteria.

Their days were filled. In the mornings they had classes in science and math. Each afternoon the girls attended hands on workshops that included a lecture featuring bats, building a suspension bridge, dissecting a cows eye, extracting DNA

from strawberries, making lip gloss, designing a course to slow a marble's descent, and building a roller coaster. They had P.E. every afternoon and each evening they participated in a variety of activities such as building a musical instrument, forming a band and performing a tune, and a dinner and interviews with professional women in the fields of science, math and technology.

Two field trips highlighted the week. One was the trip to the Chabot Space and Science Center where the girls crewed a Mars mission to pick up a group on Mars doing research. The other was with Save the Bay when the girls went out in canoes in two sloughs to gather information on the state of the bay.

You might wonder how I know so much about the week—I was lucky to be a Dorm Mother and attended everything the girls did. It was a fabulous experience to see such a diverse group of girls come together in all of their classes, workshops and field trips and cooperate and collaborate with one another day in and day out. I left with a sense of pride and confidence in our youth after my week at Mills.

For more photos I have posted an album on Kodak Gallery. The URL is:  
[http://www.kodakgallery.com/SelectPhotos.jsp?UV=885771887009\\_448485118605](http://www.kodakgallery.com/SelectPhotos.jsp?UV=885771887009_448485118605)  
The album is titled "Tech Trek 2008" and features our girls hard at work and play.

## ATTENTION, BAKERS AND CRAFTERS

This year we are asking members to contribute themed baskets from the various interest groups and from individuals, homemade baked goods or jams or other foodstuffs, homemade crafts and art items, and new items (unwanted and unused re-gifting items) for the Silent Auction at the Holiday Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Be creative and have fun!!

## **Education for Change**

The Hayward/Castro Valley Branch is offering a new and easy way for Branch members to help fund Local Scholarships. You can even get your friends and family involved in this worthwhile opportunity.

Every time your pocket book collects excess change, simply drop it into the convenient "Education for Change" carton. When the carton is full bring it to the next AAUW Branch event and empty it out.

The branch will track individual contributions and provide a donation receipt in March 2009 to each contributing member.

Every penny will be used to fund a \$2,500 local scholarship for a Chabot College graduate transitioning on to a 4-year university.

If you would like to help, contact Linda Slater at (510) 259-3802 or by email at [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net) She will send you your very own "Education for Change" box.

Thanks for supporting education for deserving women in our communities.

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