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Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

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MEMBERSHIP POT LUCK PICNIC SEPTEMBER 25TH

SULPHUR CREEK NATURE CENTER 1801 D STREET, HAYWARD 11:30-2:00

Last year we met at Sulphur Creek for a very successful afternoon of good food, conversation, meeting new friends and having a bird presented to us by the Naturalist. This year we once again ask you to bring your favorite salads or desserts, a friend who might like to join our branch, and your good humor for a fun afternoon. If you have small children at home we welcome their attendance as well. We will have as our main speaker a woman from the Oakland branch who is a state officer. All of the picnic details will be taken care of ahead of time by a wonderful committee of our members. If you have a hard time with stairs, we can arrange to pick you up in the parking lot with a golf cart contraption which will carry you in style to the picnic area in the back of the park.

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President's Message

Helene Carr

There are many issues that face students during their educational career and as they transition into the workplace. AAUW has programs such as the Campus Outreach Program, Start \$mart Campus Workshop and Equal Pay Events that can help.

One of the questions raised at a recent meeting is: How can we connect with students on campus in order to serve them better? **Donna Lilly**, a former state AAUW President, is focusing on just that subject. In September, she will accompany interested branch members on a visit of some of our local colleges and universities. If you would like to be part of this exciting venture, please let me know.

The new member event at **Sulphur Creek Nature Center** on **September 25th** promises to be as successful last year's. **Lorelei Self**, State Director will be with us to share her knowledge about AAUW and to explain any changes that have taken place. I am looking forward to a fun and informative afternoon.

We are in the process of developing a member survey. Each and every one of you will be contacted! We want to know how you prefer to receive your Shareline; programs that you have enjoyed in the past and would like to see repeated; what your interests are and what transportation issues you may have. Please think about these questions and let me know if you have any questions you would like to see as part of this survey.

Keep your Shareline handy. It will provide you with a calendar of plays, armchair travel events and holiday gatherings that you can share with a wonderful group of friends.

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**Dining Out! Interest Group Hayward-Castro Valley
AAUW**

End of Summer get together/Food, Fun & Fellowship

We welcome new branch members

You don't have to be an AAUW member to attend

Spouses and families welcome

Join us for our get-together on Monday

September 20, 2010 at 6 pm

Meal prices range from \$8 - \$20

Chef's Experience China Bistro

22436 Foothill Blvd. (near A St.)

Hayward, CA 945451

(510) 293-9575

For info call Sandy Boswell 510-732-9098

TECH TREK FUNDRAISER

**LITTLE WOMEN
A MUSICAL**

Douglas Morrison Theater
Sunday November 14th, 2pm

\$25 per ticket to benefit Tech Trek

A check for \$25 per ticket should be made out to AAUW H/CV and sent to either Ruth Kuffin 17219 Via Del Rey, San Lorenzo 94580-2734 or Peggy Robinson 24527 Marie Drive Hayward 94542. You will receive tickets by return mail if you include a stamped, self addressed envelope.

**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 GROUP

As the new year approaches, the members of the branch **Book Review Group** are looking ahead to changes in the meeting format as well as good discussions of favorite books and authors. We hope many new friends will join us for our special afternoons, the third Monday of each month, September through May. The first meeting of the group has been moved up to September from October, as requested by members. We'll meet at the lovely Castro Valley home of **Dani Stonelake, 19281 Edwin Markham Drive, on Monday afternoon, September 20, from 2-4 p.m.** Mathilde Schmidt will review Toni Morrison's novel *A Mercy*. All branch members are welcome to join in an afternoon of books, friends and discussion. Refreshments will be served.

DRAMA READING GROUP STARTS OCTOBER 6TH

Each year there are a number of us who get together at **Liz Bathgate's home** on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm to read a play. These plays come to us on a circuit and we assign parts that evening and we all read the play for the first time. We usually get a large variety of types of plays so it could be one you know well or some obscure play none of us have ever heard of. We have a great time socializing, partaking of refreshments and reading!! **Come join us at the first meeting October 6th at 7pm.**

Call **Liz Bathgate at 581-0461** for more information and directions.

MEMBER NEWS

Bonnie Smith recently underwent surgery and is now home recuperating. She would appreciate your phone calls and cards. Her many friends wish her a speedy return to good health.

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.**

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: LAF Autumn Festival

WHEN: November 6, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Home of Ursula Batz

4473 Hillsborough Dr.

Castro Valley 94546

Come to join our members and friends as we try a new way of celebrating our annual support for LAF.

You will find good food, drinks, and perhaps music and hear from our own Elizabeth Kristen speak about what's happening with LAF.

(Membership picnic, cont.)

We will have a chance to hear from the girls who we sponsored for Tech Trek this past summer. It is always a treat to hear about their classes and experiences while living on a college campus.

If you are in charge of an interest group, please plan to come and introduce your group to the attendees so that they can sign up with you at that time. We will be letting everyone know about the coming programs for this year and their approximate dates.

Membership really matters and anyone you bring to the event who joins that day will have her National Membership discounted by half. The total that she will have to pay will only be \$55.50 instead of the usual \$80. The Give a Grad a Gift program offers a new grad a free National membership, a Student Affiliate who is still in college joins for \$48.00.

As your membership chairman, I can get you the information on all these different membership categories.

Don't hesitate to call me. Liz Bathgate 581-0461

MEMBERSHIP NOTES ON THE VALUE OF BELONGING

Relevant Information:

AAUW is a trusted source of timely and important information. Our award-winning magazine AAUW Outlook highlights issues and individuals affecting women and girls today. Action Network briefs alert you to congressional actions on issues that can change your life. State and branch groups publish newsletters about local activities and interests, and the AAUW Mission & Action e-newsletter regularly updates members about the work of AAUW and provides information on today's hot issues and opportunities for activism.

Valuable Resources

AAUW provides many educational and professional development experiences for you to improve your personal and leadership skills as well as opportunities for educational advancement through fellowships, grants and awards. There are special resources for members facing employment challenges and exclusive member discounts on numerous things from subscriptions to insurance. AAUW membership is an incredible value: Representation. Community. Savings. Information. Education. Inspiration. You can find it all as part of AAUW.

Our membership now stands at 129. We have lost a few members who have moved or for some reason lost interest in our branch. The only way to be able to maintain interest in my mind is to become active in at least one program every year. We are always looking for willing volunteers to help put our programs together and we would love to hear from you about what programs are of interest to you specifically.

Please share this information with friends, co-workers and others and then invite them to come to our second **Membership Pot Luck at Sulphur Creek on September 25th at 11:30am.**

Call me at 581-0461 for more information or to volunteer at the picnic.

Liz Bathgate

SCHOLARSHIPS - HOW VALUABLE ARE THEY REALLY?

Eight years ago we awarded a Scholarship of \$1,000 to a Chabot Student who was going on to San Jose State to major in Psychology. This lady, **Diane Smith** not only finished a degree at San Jose, but stayed on to get her Masters in Social Work.

Since getting her MSW she has gone to work for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation where she works as a managed care case manager. She was recently honored by the California State Assembly for her dedication to helping local seniors and their caregivers. She works closely with PAMF members doing outreach to connect them to beneficial community healthcare resources.

She also works with their senior population to provide a range of options to meet the diverse needs of their patients as they age and to help improve their quality of life.

This story really proves the value of our helping someone get started in their career choice.

She is a wonderful example of our branches dedication to helping others.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Local Scholarship Fund send checks to: **AAUW to our Branch Treasurer, Linda Slater at 26 Via Verde San Lorenzo 94580.**

Case Support

LAF is pleased to report the adoption of a new case: **Foltz et al. v. Delaware State University**. Fifteen members of the Delaware State University (DSU) women's equestrian team filed this lawsuit to challenge the school's decision to eliminate the team and replace it with competitive cheerleading. The suit, which alleges that the school failed to provide equal athletic opportunities to DSU's female students, has been approved as a class action. LAF is disbursing \$11,500 to the Women's Law Project, the Philadelphia organization that represents the students, to bring an expert witness to the October trial. Read the AAUW press release for more information.

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