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**JOIN US FOR OUR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON AND MEET OUR
TWO CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!**

Saturday, May 16th, 2015, 11:30 a.m.
La Strada Italian Restaurant
2215 Church Lane (at San Pablo Avenue), San Pablo

Be sure to attend our final meeting of the year and installation of officers. **Joyce Muse** and **Seti Sidharta** will introduce the two winners of our **Contra Costa College Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship**, **Nubia Azuarra** and **Duy Masuno**. There are four menu choices: **Pollo Marsala** (chicken breast sautéed with Marsala wine and mushrooms), **Red Snapper** (fish sautéed with white wine, lemon, butter, capers, fresh tomatoes, and spring onions), **Ravioli alla Ragu** (beef ravioli in a meat sauce), and **vegetarian**. The chicken and fish entrees are served with polenta and vegetables. The \$28 cost includes bread, green salad, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea, tax, and tip. A raffle will be held to benefit our scholarship program; be sure to enter and win a door prize. Please complete the reservation form below, indicating the number in your party (bring your friends!), your entrée choice, and send your check for **\$28** per person (payable to **AAUW WCC**) to AAUW WCC, P. O. Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Our reservation deadline is **Tuesday, May 12**. Don't forget—mail in your check today! **See you at La Strada on May 16!!!**

NAME: _____ **No. in party** _____

Luncheon choice(s):

Pollo Marsala _____ **Red Snapper** _____ **Ravioli alla Ragu** _____ **Vegetarian** _____

No later than May 12, mail FORM and CHECK, payable to **AAUW WCC**, to: **AAUW WCC Branch**
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El Cerrito, CA 94530

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- **Elections, voters – it's happening NOW!**
- For **AAUW 2015 National Elections**, we have until June 19th to vote on-line. You just need your member ID and voter PIN, which are printed in the yellow box on the back cover of the Spring/Summer Outlook. Or, you may request a paper ballot until May 8th by calling 1-800-326-2289.
- For **AAUW CA 2015 Elections**, this year six board members are to be elected: President Elect, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and three Directors. In addition, there is a proposed By-laws change to clarify how we fill Board vacancies, as well as the approval of our Public Policy Priorities for 2015-2017.
- **Helene Carr** is running for Chief Financial Officer, along with one other person. The three (3)-week election period closes on Friday, May 8, 2015.
- We are voting on-line at the **AAUW California** 2015 elections. Your vote is important. To fully prepare yourself, you can visit the Elections section of the AAUW-CA website: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&parent=428&pagesid=428>.
- When you are ready to vote, simply click this link to open the ballot in your browser: <http://vtnw.com/go/AAUW/?5622553812>.
- We have selected and voted in our WCC AAUW Branch officers for 2015-2016.

Here is our new Board for WCC AAUW Branch for the 2015-2016 year:

President	Ellen Mills
Program VPs	Eileen Carabine, Diane Ichiyasu
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Ellen Mills, President



CULTURE CORNER for MAY-JUNE 2015
by Betty Ann Barnett

May 6, 11, & 20:

- ***“The Hard Problem” (7 PM)*** (by Tom Stoppard)

June 1, 17, & 29, July 15:

- ***“Man and Superman” (7 PM)*** (by George Bernard Shaw)
 National Theatre Live from London
 Cerrito Theater (Rialto Cinemas), 10070 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito
 Telephone: 273-9102, or see www.rialtocinemas.com

Through May 10:

- ***“Water Works”*** (photos by Linda Brown, Elaine Maute, Terry Toomey & Kevin Levesque)
 San Pablo Art Gallery, 13831 San Pablo Ave., Maple Hall, Civic Center, San Pablo
 Telephone: 882-8673 or see www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us

May 10:

- ***“Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast***
 SS Red Oak Victory Ship, 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, Richmond, 237-2933

May 12:

- ***“The Josephine Baker Story” (7 PM)*** (Historic Film Festival)
 Richmond Museum of History, 400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond
 Telephone: 235-7387 (museum) or see www.richmondmuseumofhistory.org

Through May 24:

- ***“West Contra Costa County School District 50th Annual Student Show”***
- ***“Mildred Howard: Spirit and Matter”***
- ***“Art in the Community”*** (Art Center’s traveling program)
 Richmond Art Center, 2560 Barrett, Richmond
 Telephone: 620-6772 or see www.therac.org

May 29 through June 26:

- ***“Farragut North”*** (a play by Beau Willimon, based on former Gov. Howard Dean’s 2004 presidential campaign)
 Fridays at 8 PM
 The Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond
 Telephone: 232-4031 or see www.masquers.org

Through May 30:

- ***“Up Now//Action-Packed”*** (the works of Peter Harris)
- ***“Painted Ladies: Drawings of Oakland’s Victorians”*** (by Dawline-Jane Oni-Eseleh)
- ***“Sunshower”*** (the recent work of Kathleen Flannigan)
 NIAD, 551 23rd Avenue, Richmond
 Telephone: 620-0290 or see www.niadart.org

June 12 through July 12:

- ***“The Sound of Music”*** (a musical by Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II)
 Fridays & Saturdays, 8 PM, Sundays, 2 PM
 Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona (at Moeser), El Cerrito
 Telephone: 524-9132 or see www.ccct.org
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MAY-JUNE ACTIVITIES

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 9, at 2:00 PM**, at the home of **Jackie Title** (234-9370), 3511 Roosevelt, Richmond. Please call **President Ellen Mills** (526-5815) for more information.

Drama Exchange Group: The Drama Exchange Group meets on the **second Wednesday of each month**, at **1:00 PM**, at the home of **Lorene Mayer** (524-2258), 951 Galvin Drive, El Cerrito. At the next meeting on **Wednesday, May 13**, the group will read ***Gigi***, based on a novella by Colette. Please let Lorene know if you plan to attend. There will be no meeting in June. Call Lorene for more information.

Morning Books: The group meets on the **third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM**, at **Christ Lutheran Church**, 740 Ashbury, El Cerrito. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 19**. Members will discuss interesting books they have recently read or heard about. We encourage new members to join us. For more information, contact **Lorene Mayer** (524-2258) or **Janet Mengle** (232-2676).

Afternoon Books: The group usually meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at **1:30 PM**. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 18** (because the 4th Monday is Memorial Day), at the home of **Maria La Forge** (527-4378), 240 Columbia Avenue, Kensington, where we will discuss ***Somewhere in France*** by Jennifer Robson. Our June meeting will be on **Monday, June 22**, at the home of **Yvonne Steffen** (237-0250), 1838 Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito, where we will discuss ***The Rosie Project*** by Graeme Simsion. Over the summer we will read ***All the Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr. All are welcome — please join us!

Daytime Bridge: This group usually meets at **1:00 p.m.** on the **third Friday** of the month. The next meeting will be on **Friday, May 15**, at the home of **Ellen Mills**, 1648 Oak View Avenue, Kensington. There will be no meeting in June. All levels of players are welcome. Any bridge player who would like to join the group should contact **Ellen Mills at 526-5815**.

Global Events Group: The group meets on the **second Monday** of each month from **1:30 to 3:00 PM** at the home of **Ellen Mills** (526-5815), 1648 Oak View Avenue, Kensington. The group's next meeting will be on **Monday, May 11, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM**. Please come prepared to give a five-minute presentation on a recent international happening you may have read, seen, or heard about. The group got underway in April with members giving such reports. One report was on a very emotional visit to the War Museum in Saigon; another was on efforts in Albania to do away with centuries-old "blood feuds" that may still pop up between families in rural areas there. We discussed the urgency of climate change. On the light side, we were briefed on newly rich Chinese tourists visiting Japan and returning home to China with \$500 toilet seats complete with music, perfume, and tinkly music. Branch President **Ellen Mills** gave a 30-minute report on Ebola in Africa, which will be continued at the next meeting due to the complexity of the subject. Guests are welcome. The group will not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August, but will resume in the fall on **September 14**. For more information, please contact **Marty Sarbey de Souto** at 925-304-2022 or josemarty@yahoo.com.



OUR BRANCH HOLDS A SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER

We took part in the **City-wide El Cerrito Garage Sale** on **Saturday, May 2, 2015**, from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Our fund-raiser was held at the home of **Vivian Coe**, and it was a great success. Our Branch made \$614 from the donated items we sold. We still had some items remaining, which we donated to Goodwill.

Many thanks to all our members who donated items and who helped with the sale.

Vivian Coe & Roberta Montgomery

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2015!

***** Please Pay Your 2015-2016 Membership Dues by June 1st *****

Note there is a \$4 increase in the State dues which brings the total now to **\$85**.

Regular members: **\$85** (AAUW National \$49*, State \$20, Branch \$16);

Paid Life members: **\$36** (\$20 State, \$16 Branch);

50-year members pay **NO** dues

*Note \$46 of National Dues is tax deductible

Please make your check payable to **AAUW WCC**, and mail it to:

AAUW WCC, PO Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530, with the form below **if** there are changes.

Name _____

Street/Apt _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/Home _____ /Work _____

Email _____

Birthday month _____

I wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail

I wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter by US mail

In addition to my \$85.00 dues, I am enclosing a contribution of \$_____ to help us meet the expenses our annual dues no longer cover and further the good work of our Branch



MARY ELLEN BALES AAUW SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year the WCC Branch provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a woman from the **Center for Science Excellence** to help her continue her education at a four-year college or university. Our scholarship is named for **Mary Ellen Bales**. She was an early long-time Branch member, accomplished pianist, and spouse of a **Contra Costa College** professor. She initiated our relationship with the college by encouraging us to help raise money to fund tickets for student winners to attend the annual Scholarship Awards Banquet. Our Branch eventually decided to establish a scholarship fund in her honor. This year we will provide two scholarships. The recipients are **Nubia Azuarra** and **Duy Masuno**. Branch members **Joyce Muse** and **Seti Sidharta** selected them from an impressive list of candidates who had shown a particular aptitude in math or science while studying at the college. You can meet **Nubia** and **Duy** and hear more about their education and career goals at the **Installation Luncheon** on **May 16** at **La Strada Restaurant**. We continue to seek contributions for this worthwhile endeavor. Your check for a tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the **Contra Costa College Foundation**, with **Mary Ellen Bales AAUW Scholarship Fund** on the memo line. Then either mail the check to **AAUW WCC Branch**, PO Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or give it to me at the luncheon on **May 16**. Thank you for your support.

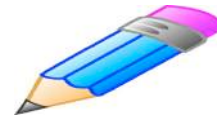
Roberta Montgomery, Treasurer



2015 TECH TREK SUCCESSFUL!

Eight girls from our WCCUSD middle schools have been selected to attend the **Tech Trek Science and Math Camp** at **Sonoma State University** the week of June 21. The selected girls and their schools are: **Laweryn Henderson** and **Joey Ow**, Crespi; **Thais Macias**, Stewart; **Isabel Mitchel** and **Audrey Richardson**, Hercules; **Hailey Ponchione** and **Nana Yansane**, Korematsu; and **Kassandra Ruiz**, Helms. Thanks go to the **Tech Trek** team (**Sally Dunham**, **Karen Euston**, **Mimi Fruehan**, **Christine Hills**, **Jackie Title**, and **Sharon Trot**) and to all WCCers who made donations to our **Tech Trek** program for the scholarships. Our **Tech Trek** girls will be introduced at a reception at **2:00 PM** on **Saturday, June 6**, at the El Cerrito Denny's. All are invited to attend. We are also pleased to announce that **Christine Hills** will be teaching the MIT Application Inventor at this summer's **Sonoma Tech Trek Camp**. She and the **Tech Trek** girls will talk about their camp experiences at next September's meeting.

Roberta Montgomery & Marsha Weintraub



DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Virginia Liao's email should be shown as dyvtliao35@gmail.com.

Roberta Montgomery



EVENTS COMING SOON

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 PM:

The **Contra Costa Commission for Women** and the **JFK University Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership** will sponsor a **Women in Power Panel Discussion** at the 2151 Salvio Street, Suite 350 (3rd Floor), Concord. Panelists are **Mary Jo Rossi** of Rossi Communications, **Dominique Yancy**, CCCO Deputy DA, **Ann Notarangelo**, KPIX News Weekend Anchor, and **Mary Piepho**, CCCO Supervisor. To register, go to the Commission's website at www.womenscommission.com.

Saturday, June 6, 8:00-10:00 PM:

The **Kensington Symphony Orchestra** will hold its last performance of the season at the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley**, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. The program, conducted by **Geoffrey Gallegos**, is Schumann's Concerto for Cello and Orchestra, with **Rebecca Rust**, cello; Franck's Symphony in D Minor, and Purcell's Sonata for Trumpet and Strings, with **Dana Kemp**, trumpet, in his final concert after 30 years with the KSO. The KSO is a community-based WCCC orchestra. Its membership consists of seasoned professionals, committed nonprofessional musicians, music educators, and students from the entire Bay Area. The KSO presents five programs per season (September through June). Tickets (\$20 adults, \$15 students & seniors, children under 12 free) may be purchased at the door starting 45 minutes before the concert. For more information see <http://www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org>.

Mollie Hazen, KSO Board Member & VP



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Please welcome our new member, **Mollie Hazen**. She is the Curator/Principal of **Hazen Nature Photography**, located at the Albany Arts Gallery, the Sage Centers, 1454 Sixth Street, Berkeley. Mollie is also Vice President and a Board member of the **Kensington Symphony Orchestra**. She is a member of the **Arts and Culture Commission of El Cerrito**, whose seven members demonstrate commitment to fine arts, visual, performing and literary arts. Among other events, the Commission is planning a **July 4th Festival** on **July 3 & 4** at **Cerrito Vista Park**, 950 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. She is also the author of a book celebrating her beloved husband's legacy: ***The Light of Passion: The Legacy of Don R. Hazen***, which is now available on amazon.com. Well-known art critics and collectors have compared Don's natural light photography, which continues to draw accolades, to the work of nationally recognized photographers Galen Rowell, Art Wolfe, and Elliot Porter.

Please give Mollie a warm welcome at the Installation Luncheon. Her contact information is:

Mollie Hazen

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Email: mollie.hazen@gmail.com

Hazen Nature Photography

Albany Arts Gallery

1251 Solano Avenue, Albany

The Sage Centers

1454 Sixth Street, Berkeley

(510) 559-9300

Sue Walenta, Editor



APRIL MEETING PRESENTATION

At our April Branch meeting, we heard from lawyer **Eleonore Zwinger**, who told us about her work for the **International Institute of the Bay Area**, 405 14th Street, Suite 500, Oakland; 657 Mission Street, Suite 301, SF; and 3240 Lone Tree Way, Suite 202, Antioch. The Institute is a nonprofit providing high quality, low cost immigration services to the community. She currently works exclusively to protect immigrants' rights. We learned the details of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and Temporary Protected Status (TPS), a renewable position for those where weather, war, or some other obstacle in their home country has prevented them from coming to the USA. New immigrants who are here illegally may be fearful of talking with agencies or giving personal information to anyone because of difficulties with authorities, mistrust of police and other institutions, and fear of deportation. Her office tries to help those who otherwise have no voice. She made us more aware of how difficult life here can be for those who are always wary and worried. She also spoke about the hearing in a federal appeals court in New Orleans on April 18. The court heard arguments in a case against President Obama's November 2014 executive order which would give protection to children whose parents brought them here illegally and extend deportation protections to parents of US citizens and permanent residents who have been in the country for several years. The judges took the case under advisement and have announced no decision so far. We are grateful for the insights we gained from Eleonore, a warm and caring woman who

works hard to make life better for people in need.

Judy Sam, Program Committee



IN MEMORIAM

On **April 28**, **Barbara Lagerway**, a member of our WCC Branch, passed away peacefully. Barbara was a member of the Morning Book Group and the Drama Exchange Group. She was an avid reader and loved to share and discuss what she had read. She was a retired RN, a profession at which she excelled and which she considered her calling. She missed the work when she retired and had planned to volunteer at a women's shelter once she recovered from her January back surgery. Unfortunately, that was not to be. She was a kind and giving person, a loyal friend, and passionate about animals. If you would like to make a donation in her memory, her favorite charity was **Best Friends Animal Society**, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah, <http://bestfriends.org/Get/Involved/Donate/Give-a-Tribute-Gift/>, where she had volunteered in the past and from which she had adopted two dogs.

Barbara Miller

TITLE IX COORDINATORS NEEDED

From 2009 to 2012, the US Dept. of Education's Office for Civil Rights received nearly 3,000 Title IX-related complaints. Title IX requires every school to designate at least one employee who is responsible for coordinating its Title IX compliance. The OCR has prepared a free resource manual for such coordinators. Please write letters to editors stressing the importance of such coordinators and urging all school districts to appoint one and to obtain the manual.

AAUW Action Network

CONGRATULATIONS TO AAUW'S 2015-2016 FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS AWARDEES!



Zamira Yusufjonova, a 2012-13 International Fellow, studied the Bolshevik emancipation of Muslim women in Tajikistan, a former republic of the Soviet Union.

AAUW is excited to announce the 241 fellowships and grants offered for the 2015–16 award year. This exceptional group of women and nonprofit organizations will receive over \$3.7 million to carry on AAUW's legacy of scholarship, research, and action. During the award year, the recipients will pursue graduate studies and community projects to empower women and girls in the United States and around the globe. Who are these remarkable women and organizations from your area who will join the ranks of AAUW's prestigious awardees? Check them out at the website noted below. For more than 125 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, having provided nearly \$100 million in fellowships and grants to over 12,000 women and nonprofit organizations around the world.

As the largest Ebola outbreak in history claims thousands of lives and developing countries continue to fight tuberculosis and HIV and AIDS crises, many of us

wonder: Are we approaching global health epidemics the wrong way? According to 2010–11 AAUW American Fellow **Jean Hunleth**, we are missing a key piece of the puzzle. With a doctorate degree in anthropology and a master's of public health from Northwestern University, Hunleth has focused her work on Zambia. During her time as a Peace Corps volunteer in the southern African country, she witnessed the lack of health care for people who suffered from tuberculosis and HIV. These days, she stresses the necessity of anthropology in understanding health issues and controlling epidemics. Anthropology is especially valuable when we look at epidemics as far-reaching as the most recent Ebola outbreak, which has lasting effects on a country's economy, on the health care system, and perhaps especially on women. So how can anthropology improve global health efforts? Hunleth says that in her experience — both in Zambia and in her current research work with colleagues in the Division of Public Health Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis — “Public health practitioners from many disciplines value good anthropological insight and view it as something that will strengthen their programming.” Hunleth suggests that an anthropologist's success in public health draws on being able to do three main things. First, viewing public health as a culture you are trying to learn by paying attention to the language, norms, assumptions, and behaviors of each distinct global health organization. Secondly, identifying hidden assumptions some public health programs make, and their potential to lead to unintended effects. And lastly, learning to draw on theories and methods from anthropology and showing your co-workers the value of using them.

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