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SUMMER SOCIAL



Wine Tasting + More

When: Saturday, July 21, 2007
5:30 pm - ?

Where: Rolling Green Clubhouse
Brandon off Gregory Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA

Bring: A plate of hearty appetizers or
\$5.00/ person donation @ door
(Drinks will be provided)



Spouses, Significant Others, Prospective members are all welcome!
(Parking is limited – think about carpooling!)

RSVP by 7/14 to Judy Onopchenko @ 925-682-8657

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PITHY PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

Kay Ernst and Marlene Maksel

Well, here we are ~ right in the middle of summer. I hope you're all getting a lot of relaxation, a lot of traveling, a lot of reading, or a lot of whatever it is you enjoy.

As I write this, I am preparing to go to Association Convention in Phoenix, Arizona ~ Phoenix in June/July! Whew! I will be attending all of the business sessions and many workshops. I will give all of you a report in the September N.E.W.S.

Those of you who were unable to attend our May High Tea in Sandy Wolfe's lovely yard really missed a wonderful afternoon. The Tech Trek girls were exceptionally poised as they explained briefly what they expected to learn from the week-long experience at Mills College. Likewise, the Local Scholarship girls/women were gracious in their acknowledgement of the award ~ they told us of their future studies in college. A wonderful group of future AAUW members!

Gayle Garrison did a cute presentation on the proper etiquette of having tea. She also did a very nice installation of our officers. Presentations of the EF honorees and the naming of the Barbara Newacheck Memorial Fund awardee rounded out the event.

Special kudos go to Sandy Wolfe and Marlene DeLaurenti, Co-Program V.P.'s ~ and to their committee ~ Gretel Holit, Judy Onopchenko, Sharon Lind, Kit Hein and others. They schlepped tea, sandwiches, cookies, scones, tarts, etc. for the entire two hours up and down the decks. They really deserve our thanks and appreciation for such a beautiful party.

Marlene

Happy 50th Anniversary PHAAUW

We'll be celebrating a "blockbuster" year!

Save the dates:----More info to follow

- **Saturday, September 22, 2007 – 10:00 am**
PHAAUW Brunch
Rolling Green Clubhouse
- **Saturday, October 6, 2007 –Festa Italiana**
Viano Winery in Martinez

Thanks to our NEWS Supporters
MONEYMOVERS INVESTMENT CLUB
 will meet on Monday July 9, 2007, 7:00 pm
 @ UBS, 2185 N. California St. Suite 400, WC
 and Monday August 13, 7:00 pm at Ish
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Interest Group Meetings:

JULY & AUGUST

MORNING BOOKS will not meet in July or August. The book for SEPTEMBER will be *The River of Doubt* by Candace Millard. This is a story of Teddy Roosevelt's last great adventure. Great reading for the summer!

IN INDELIBLE INK will not meet in July or August. In September, our topic will be "The First 18 Years of my Father's Life." You can start researching this summer.

MATINEE IDLE will continue to meet during the summer. In July, the date will be Thursday the 26th and in August, it will be Thursday the 23rd. Save the dates and watch for movies you might want to see. Call Marlene (689.5439), if you're interested.

EVENING BOOKS will not meet in July or August. In September, we will be reading Kim Edwards' *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. This is a very thought-provoking book ~ read it now and be ready for a good discussion.

NIMBLE FINGERS will meet on Friday, July 13, 10:30 am at **Kathy Searles**, 602 Parkhaven Ct, PH. '

BUDGET MEETING -Wednesday, July 11th @ 11:00 am at Suzanne Salter's, 275 Appalachian Dr. PH. If you have a position that will be spending branch funds, please plan to attend this meeting.

BOARD MEETING will be August 8, 2007, 7:15 pm @ Marlene Maksel's, 583 Odin Drive, PH.

FRUGAL FOODIES will meet Sunday, July 22, 6:00 pm @ Chef Choy, PH and August 26, 6:00 pm @ Mam,a Mia's in PH.

Local Scholarship Honorees



L-R Cynthia Lam, Andrea Guerrawill, Kim Bowen & Kelsey Dallara

Congratulations and good luck to these extraordinary young ladies.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP 2007 WINDUP

Our Branch has awarded 19 scholarships to local graduating women, -from-high school seniors who have been accepted into a 4 year college or university and to DVC graduates continuing on to a four year college or university, during the past nine years.. The total money YOU have earned for this fund is \$39,500.

The committee and all the awardees thank all of you who have contributed to this cause.

Ten years ago,,,,,, at a Board retreat in Muriel Fry's backyard the suggestion was made and a committee formed to put ideas together, formulate a policy and bring back to the membership for the establishment of a scholarship fund. In the fall our proposal was passed and the following May (1999) our first award was made.

So pat yourself on the back for a job well done. We look forward to beginning again in January of 2008, our next campaign—*with our usual no fund raiser, tickets to sell or clean-up to help with.*

If you would like to serve on the committee please inform any of the members.

Jean Hambleton, Ginny Hargrave, Marilyn Tubbs, Dana Mathews, Marlene Maksel, Rachel Holmes, Shelley Jacobson and Susi Weight

Congratulations to Muriel Fry

Muriel was the recipient of the Branch Barbara Newacheck Memorial Fund this year for her outstanding service and support of AAUW.

Public Policy

The Association and AAUW California takes positions on bills that relate to public policy principles and priorities. All the following bills are supported except where OPPOSE is noted.

EQUITY: Recognizing that equity for all women and girls requires an application of legal definition AAUW CA supports:

- *Constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.*

AB 14 (Laird) Discrimination: Civil Rights Act of 2007

Enacts the Civil Rights Act of 2007. Subjects licensees under this Business and Professions Code to disciplinary action if the discrimination is based upon the prospective recipient's sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, marital status or sexual orientation. Provides that nothing in these provisions would require any healing art practitioner to perform a licensed activity for which he or she is qualified.

AB 1319 (Houston) Schools: Athletes: Steroid Testing

Prohibits a pupil enrolled in grades 9 to 12 from participating in interscholastic high school sports unless that pupil and one of his or her parents or legal guardians signs a form consenting to random urinalysis testing for steroid use and mandatory testing for steroid use, if the pupil is a member of a sports team that qualifies to participate in a regional state playoff, or state championship game. **OPPOSE.**

SB471 (Margett) Birth & Death Certificates: Copies: Identification

Requires any person who requests, in person, a certified copy of a birth or death record to provide the official with valid identification. Establishes requirements for a person who has been a victim of identity theft to obtain a birth or death record. **OPPOSE.**

To follow the progress of any of these bills, go to:

www.leginfo.ca.gov

Shirlee Thompson, Chair

The International Federation of University Women (IFUW)

invites AAUW members to attend the triennial Conference in Manchester, England August 10-16, 2007

Tech Trek Honorees:



L-R: Namitha Patil (Sequoia MS), Robyn Mackie (Valley View MS), Helene Martyn (Pleasant Hill MS) and Meridean Shim (Pleasant Hill MS)

These exceptional young ladies will be spending an exciting week on the Mills Campus this summer.

PHAAUW & 49er Beverage Sales

Participating in the Beverage sales with the Concord AAUW Branch is an excellent and interesting fund raiser for our various projects for the coming year. Participants determine how their earnings will be delegated in the branch. The only criteria for working is you must be 21 years of age. Round up several friends and enjoy a "fun" day at the Park. We usually car pool from the PH BART station 1 to 1 1/2 hours prior to our report time at the station.

Please review the following dates and contact Kathy Searles at 228-5700 or Kit Hein @kjhein@comcast.net if you are interested in helping

49er SEASON HOME GAMES:

Date	Day	Team	Game Time
8/13/07	Monday	Denver	5:00 pm
8/18/07	Saturday	Oakland	7:00 pm
9/10/07	Monday	Arizona	7:15 pm
9/30/07	Sunday	Philadelphia	1:15 pm
10/7/07	Sunday	Seattle	1:05 pm
10/28/07	Sunday	Baltimore	1:15 pm
11/18/07	Sunday	St Louis	1:15 pm
12/9/07	Sunday	Minnesota	1:05 pm
12/15/07	Saturday	Cincinnati	5:15 pm
12/23/07	Sunday	Tampa Bay	5:15 pm

BOOK EXCHANGE - 2nd CALL

Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2007 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange. We have 2 Exchange lists started and are working on a third. Don't miss out! (You can purchase 2 or 3 books to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!)

Please call Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528 with your selected title and author PRIOR to purchasing your book.

*****DON'T FORGET—*****

AAUW DUES FOR 2007-2008

ARE DUE NOW! \$81.00

Send your check to membership chairs

Diane Gartner, 28 Rolling Green Cir, PH or

Shelley Jacobson, 19 Amber Lane,

Lafayette, CA 94549

Education

Remember the request to donate unused children's books to Mary Gray at the Pleasant Hill El library? Well! **WHAT A TURNOUT!** At least 10 boxes each were donated to Fair Oaks and El Monte Elementary schools for the librarians to give to students to take home. Both librarians reported a "special high" just to see the delightful smiles on student faces.

"Can we really keep them forever?"

Good work Mary – and she hopes to continue this effort next year.

Fair Oaks Thank You!

Fair Oaks Elementary School teachers, staff and students honored their school volunteers on Monday, June 4th at their all school assembly. Volunteers were honored with garden bulb planting shovels and student essay booklets thanking the SAM volunteers (Student Music and Art program) for their presentations this year. One lucky student from each class received a prize when their name was drawn. Cheryl Champion, principal, related how appreciative the school was for all the PHAAUW volunteers this year. She is hopeful they will continue volunteering next year.

Message from State Presidents

***Co Chairs Donna Lilly and Rita Wustner
(Reprinted from the California Perspective)***

Delegates to the 86th annual AAUW California convention in Ontario, CA took a quantum leap into the future by approving the proposed new bylaws. We want to thank all the members in AAUW CA, especially the convention delegates from all our branches, for making this move. Bylaws are living documents and can be changed and improved. We are now in conformance with state law but changes can and will be made as required and when voted on by our members. The board of directors pledges to maintain vigilance when the legislature changes old laws and creates new laws. And when members propose changes, we will ensure all amendments presented to the membership maintain conformity to the law and meet the desires of the membership whenever possible.

We now move into the implementation phase of the process. The Administrative Committee charged with updating policies and procedures will be the core of the implementation group. The newly elected co presidents elect, Gloria Taylor and Judy Pfeil and program vice president, Donna Erickson, will sit on the Administrative Committee chaired by secretary Kathy Windsor. They will bring recommendations to the board of directors at the July 2007 meeting.

Branch officers will be kept informed of the process through the list serves and the traditional administration packet mailed to branch presidents in August of each year.

The next year will continue to be exciting. We look forward to the 2008 convention when delegates will select the board members who will lead AAUW California into this new structure.

Editor's Note:.....

It is the position of the branch to send your N.E.W.S. electronically if you have an email address in the directory UNLESS you notify me differently. Please contact me at 18 Monivea Place, PH or phone 939-6220 or email me at marclin@comcast.net for any concerns or changes.

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	 4th of July	4	5	6
8	9	10	Budget Meeting @ Suzanne Salter's 11:00 am	11	12	Nimble Fingers Kathy Searles @ 10:30 am
15	16	17	18	19	20	Summer Social Wine Tasting 5:30 pm Rolling Green Clubhouse
Frugal Foodies 6:00 pm @ Chef Choy	23	24	25	Movie Idle Matinee Call Marlene Makset	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	AAUW Board meeting 7:15 pm	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	Movie Idle Matinee (Call Marlene Makset)	24	25
Frugal Foodies Mama Mia's 6:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31	

Membership – AAUW promotes for all women and girls, lifetime education and positive societal changes. AAUW is open to all graduates of two year accredited colleges with AA degrees and/or accredited four year colleges or universities. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.