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*IMAGINE you are on a Tuscan hillside,
The late afternoon sun turning the
surrounding vineyard gold and red.
You chat with the winemaker
while he pours his family's wine*

*You taste from your complimentary
crystal wine glass.*

You can be there!



Sandy & Marlene

Festa Italiana

**Saturday, October 6, 2007
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Viano Winery
150 Morello Avenue, Martinez**

**Wine Tasting 3:30 – 4:30
Italian Supper 4:30 – 6:30
Donation \$30**



**A benefit for Pleasant Hill AAUW Educational Foundation,
providing scholarships for college women**

**Please call for tickets before October 1:
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PITHY PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

Co President's Kay Ernst & Marlene Maksel

With our summer vacations a sweet memory we can now look forward to the activities of the fall. This will be the kick off for our 50th anniversary which will continue through June 2008. The committees and interest groups are making plans for eventful celebrations. Each monthly General Meeting and Bulletin will have something about the successes of our 50 years. October 6, 3:30-6:30 p.m. is Festa Italiana at Viano Winery in Martinez. Sandy Wolfe and Marlene DeLaurenti have been working hard at putting together a wonderful evening for us. Get your tickets now as this is always a sellout. On November 3rd we will meet at Marie Calendar's in Concord for brunch. Our program Chairman, Judy Onopchenko, has scheduled an entertaining speaker who is an experienced appraiser. We can each bring two antiques for her to appraise. Marlene and I are looking forward to seeing all of you.



Kay Ernst

**EXTRA!! EXTRA!!
ROAD SHOW APPRAISAL**

**plus
Hot Buffet Breakfast**

featuring

Sunny Trammell

Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Marie Callender's Restaurant/Concord

Cost: \$13.50 for checks received by October 12

\$15.00 for checks received after that

Deadline for reservations October 27

*Send PHAAUW check to Judy Onopchenko
1309 David Lane, Concord, CA 94518*

Program: Bring one or two items to be appraised by Sunny. No guns, stamps or coins. She can give advice on dolls or paintings, but may need to refer us to other resources for those items.

Sunny has been an Antique dealer for 35 years, an appraiser for 25 years, and has had shops in many parts of the country. She is an appraiser for San Mateo county and often consults on court cases.

Save the dates----More to follow:

Friday, November 30, 2007

PHAAUW Holiday Party

Brookview Clubhouse

Saturday, February 9, 2008

50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Contra Costa Country Club

Interest Group Meetings:

MORNING BOOKS. Will meet on Wed October 3, 10 am at Marti Martin's. We will be discussing The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. This is a book about a choice made, arbitrarily, by a father and the be reading Moloka'i by Alan Brennert and the choice for December is Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. Please phone Marti to let her know you are planning to attend.

IN INDELIBLE INK will meet on Wednesday, October 10th, 10:00 am at Kay Ernst's. Our topic is "The First 18 Years of my Mother's Life" and we're inviting the GENEALOGY Section to join us with their family research. Since this a writing group, if you don't know too much about your mother's early years, fiction is more than welcome! Call Kay if you plan to attend.

MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies on Thursday October 25th. We usually pick the movie at the beginning of that week, so please call Marlene if you are interested. We always have coffee (sometimes lunch if it is an early movie) after the movie to discuss it.

EVENING BOOKS will meet on Monday, October 22nd, 7 pm at Marlene Maksel's. We will be discussing Death Comes to the Archbishop by Willa Cather. A classic, this book has some history about Santa Fe and the surrounding country – a great read. Please call Marlene if you plan to attend.

NIMBLE FINGERS will meet on Friday, Oct 19, 10:30 am @ Kathy Searles. Bring your handiwork and come join this friendly, helpful group.

BOARD MEETING will be on Wednesday, October 10th at Ish Mendonsa's @ 7:15 pm.

EVENING BRIDGE will meet Monday, October 1st @ Eileen Bordenave's ,7:00 pm.

FRUGAL FOODIES is a dinner group that uses our Entertainment book coupons – This month they will meet at Delamonti's on Oak Park Blvd on Sunday, October 14 @ 6 pm. Call Suzanne Mesetz for information

PLAYREADING will meet Tuesday, October 16th, 2007, 10:00 am @.Kay Ernst's. We're planning to write a play about the PHAAUW for our 50th Anniversary luncheon. Need everyone's input and help.

LAF-

A member purchased the new Entertainment Book...she said on a recent trip to Lake Louise, they used a coupon in the book. It saved them a LOT of money. It does take some planning to remember to use the Entertainment Book, but it is well worth \$25.

At the September 22 Brunch, we will have books for you to purchase.

Profits from the books, is for LAF.

Gayle Garrison

Fair Oaks Elementary Volunteers



Suzanne Mesetz & Mary McGhee celebrating Suzanne's honorary PTA award at the Fair Oaks Elementary student assembly. Suzanne chairs the very popular SAM (Student Art & Music) program with the assistance of AAUW members and friends at the school..

Mary is the volunteer director for the AAUW activities at Fair Oaks including the student store.. Join them for a fun and rewarding experience during this school year.

Interested in getting involved?

Call Mary or Suzanne.

PHAAUW's 50th Anniversary Logo
(Selected by the Anniversary Committee members).



Happy 50th Anniversary PHAAUW

..Remembering PHAAUW.....

(Reflections of the 60's).....

The 60's found us with a closet full of dresses, "pants suits" were on the horizon; we were reading THE BELL JAR and THE CHOSEN in Literature Interest Section; Woodstock and Haight-Ashbury were in everyone's vocabulary and we mourned the assassination of many of our national leaders.

But in PHAAUW the Membership Tea was still a very vital function and by the end of the decade we had 120 members!... We dressed in semi-sarong attire for the Summer Social Luau and it was so delightful we continued the theme summer social for years.

Speakers at the monthly meetings were outstanding events – one Jane Hart, wife of a senator, mother of eight and still one of the eleven chosen to train for "outer space"!; an insight into the Korea of the times; a local Judge on traffic and juveniles and a N. Farmen. reaching in to today with the topic "Foreign Policy – Force or Farce". My, my, my.

In this decade Association encouraged us to study a given subject for two years and then implement it with some sort of action. Remember "Law and the Citizen" and "An Antidote to Poverty"? Did you know we became an active part of those raising monies for the Coretta Scott King Fund? and what did we do?.....we sold a book of "Recipes from the University Women" for \$2.95 each!.

And can you imagine the branch held an "Italiana Night" and on an earlier occasion a "Wine Tasting" event all for the Education Fellowship?. (remember the current one on Oct 6, 2007)!!!

Many of our members were married to husbands that were the first born of their generation and thus true to the era were given the name of their father and thus much of our publicity of the 60's read "Mesdame John Doe, Jr." In salute to that concept I will sign off in true 60's fashion
Your Community Chair Mrs. Seth Elbert Hargrave, Jr.

Tune in next month and see what the next chapter of PHAAUW has in store!!!!

PHAAUW 's 50th Anniversary Slogan!

***CELEBRATE THE PAST!
LOOK TO THE FUTURE!***

Sunshine

As a branch, we try to remember members and former members with cards.

If you know of someone who needs a get well, sympathy, or just thinking of you card, please let me know. I will send one ASAP.

Gayle Garrison

**Thanks to our NEWS Supporters
MONEYMOVERS INVESTMENT CLUB**
will meet on Monday October 8th , 7:00 pm
@ Jean DeGregory's.



Public Policy:

TITLE IX REVISITED

In 1972 Title IX, which bans sex discrimination in any federally funded education program, became the law. (This applies to all facets of education, not just sports).

The number of female high school athletes has increased from about 290,000 to 2.9 million. Fewer than 32,000 women were engaged in intercollegiate sports in 1972 and now 180,000 participate.

However, all is not rosy. American athletic programs still do not provide equal opportunity for females. The problem, according to Stanford University's Center on Ethics, is non-compliance with the law. About 57% of college students are women, but only 42% are athletes and program expenditures on women's sports are only 37%. After the merger of male and female sports departments, less than a fifth of athletic directors are women.

The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) defines equality as a situation where participants of both sexes would accept the athletic programs of the opposite sex as fair and equitable. Many schools have increased women's opportunities by limiting male sports that do not produce revenue.

The office of Civil Rights places the burden of proof on the government or a student complaint to show that women's interests are unmet in order to establish a Title IX violation. It has been suggested that the office for Civil Rights should conduct periodic compliance reviews and seek appropriate sanctions for non-compliance.

Detailed information on this issue can be obtained by contacting your U.S. Senator (Feinstein or Boxer) at <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert?alertid=9368496x>
Shirlee Thompson, Public Policy Chair

Looking back.....

Thoughts on celebrating our 50th

Top Ten sellers 1957

1. *Tammy* - Debbie Reynolds
2. *Love Letters in the Sand* - Pat Boone
3. *It's not for me to Say* – Johnny Mathis
4. *Young Love* – Tab Hunter
5. *Chances Are* – Johnny Mathis
6. *Little Darlin'* – The Diamonds
7. *Bye Bye Love* – Everly Brothers
8. *All Shook Up* – Eliv Presly
9. *So Rare* – Jimmy Dorsey
10. *Round and Round* – Perry Como

Researched and shared by Gretel Holit at our Fall Membership Meeting

Focus on Reading!



Mary Gray & Trisha Niven

Last year members of the Pleasant Hill Elementary School Student Council collected “gently used” children’s books, which were then given to kids in need and to promote summer reading. Thanks to everyone’s generosity, approximately 20 boxes of children’s books were divided up and delivered to Fair Oaks Elementary and El Monte Elementary Schools. Trisha Niven, who is the librarian for both PHE and El Monte schools, stated that kids were so excited about taking these books home that she said it felt like Christmas. “The kids were so happy I had tears in my eyes. We will definitely be doing this again next year!” Mrs. Axhelm, Library Media Teacher for Fair Oaks, forwarded a lovely card expressing her students’ appreciation for this gift. For those of you still in over your head with children’s books, you can once again donate to a great cause – READING! Hold on to those excess books and stay tuned for more information as to when we will begin our next book drive.

Mary. Gray, Education Chair

Looking forward.....

Thinking ahead to the holidays.....

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

No longer doing the family adoptions, the Volunteer Bureau now recommends to its callers that they support “Christmas for Everyone”. It’s the only event of its kind in Contra Costa County on that special day. It may be just a one day event, but it takes weeks to set it up! It’s a huge operation which has begun its planning for this year already. Pleasant Hill AAUW has supported “Christmas for Everyone” for the last couple of years.

“Christmas for Everyone” is primarily funded by “Share the Spirit”. The budget is figured on how much “Share the Spirit” made the previous year. It was down last year as funds were tight for many people. Isn’t that ironic that at a time when the most people are unemployed and can’t give their families a Christmas, that is the time when less is donated to provide for those less well off?

“Christmas for Everyone” provided a Christmas experience for over 3,000 people last year. These are poor working families, the elderly, the infirm (CFE) does all the Meals on Wheels clients and any other shut-ins they are told about. Each person gets a new gift, a warm meal, a choice of some used clothing they might need, and many, many wishes for a wonderful holiday from everyone there. Volunteers run a children’s room, sing carols, serve meals, serve as elves to deliver the gifts, offer hair cuts etc. Everyone’s help is needed! You could donate “gently used clothing”, give new toys for the children, purchase new gifts for teens and adults, provide services like haircutting or photography, or you can give the gift of your time in helping in the set up, answering phone calls, translating for people etc. And if you can not do any of that, your check is welcomed and appreciated!

I’d love to send in a great big donation from Pleasant Hill AAUW and/or a list of people who wish to volunteer!!

Interested? Contact Kathy Searles

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Evening Bridge 7:00 pm @ Eileen Bordenave's		Morning Books 10:00 am @ Marti Martin's			Festa Italiana 3:30 - 6:30 pm Viano Winery Mtz. (EF Fundraiser)
			In Indelible Ink 10:00 am @ Kay Ernst's AAUW Board mtg 7:15 pm @ Ish Mendonsa's		 Columbus Day	
Frugal Foodies 6:00 pm @ Delamonti's Check with Suzanne Mesetz for info		Playreading 10:00 am @ Kay Ernst's	Chamber Mixer 5:30 pm @ Malaya Center 395 Civic Dr Call Ginny Hargrave for info		Nimble Fingers 10:30 am @ Kathy Searles'	Genealogy Workshop Concord LDS Church 3700 Concord Blvd 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
	Evening Books 7:00 pm @ Marlene Maksud's			Movie Idol Matinee Call Marlene Maksud for info		
				Happy 50th Anniversary PHAAUW <i>Celebrate the Past !</i> <i>Look to the Future!</i>		



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Membership – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW is open to all graduates of two year accredited colleges with AA degrees and/or accredited four year colleges or universities. In principle and practice AAUW values and supports diversity. 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.