



**Pleasant Hill Branch**  
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**“LET THEM EAT CAKE!”**  
**AND HAVE A FUN TIME!**

**Bridge Game + Desserts + Prizes**

# **L A F FUNDRAISER**

**(Benefits PH AAUW’s Legal Advocacy Fund)**

**(A portion of your donation is tax deductible)**

**When: Tuesday, April 29, 2008 - 12:30 pm**

**Where: Brookview Club House  
1201 Monument Blvd, Concord**

**Fee: \$10 for bridge  
\$ 5 for dessert only  
(if you don’t play bridge.)**



*Reserve your space by April 27<sup>th</sup> to Gayle Garrison 798-7528  
or email [tarheel61@excite.com](mailto:tarheel61@excite.com)*

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**PITHY PRESIDENTIAL PROSE**

*Co President's Kay Ernst & Marlene Maksel*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Tuesday, April 29 will be the fundraiser for LAF. It will be a bridge party. See the front page of the bulletin for details.



As we continue to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, mark your calendar for the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce mixer on Wednesday, June 18. This will be a joint mixer shared with JFK University and PHAAUW. We want to make a good showing, please plan on attending.

It's Spring and Easter is just around the corner. A time for new beginnings . . . why not visit an interest group you've never participated in before? You may discover something new and exciting.

*Kay Ernst*

**A Memorial Service will be held to celebrate the life of Gayle Carr on Saturday, April 12, 1:00 pm at 2043 Mohawk Drive, PH.**

**Public Policy:**

Charlotte Newhart, AAUW CA Advocate, reminds us that “the AAUW CA public policy program underscores our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. It speaks to women’s needs, aspirations and concerns across the life span.”

In the March 2008 CALIFORNIA PERSPECTIVE Rita Wustner, AAUW CA co-president, reviewed public policy’s progress this year. Ms. Wustner related that Senator Kuehl’s universal health care bill SB 840 is still alive and will be in the mix come 2008 for the second year of this legislative term.

To learn which bills (with descriptions) AAUW CA supported and what their fate was – go to the state web site at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org).  
*Shirlee Thompson, Chair*

**AAUW California Convention April 4-6, 2008  
Doubletree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country  
Rohnert Park, CA  
Kit Hein, incoming president, will be representing  
PHAAUW at the convention this year. Look for her  
reports in the next combined May/June Newsletter.**

Thanks to our N.E.W.S. Supporters

**Moneymovers Investment Club**

will meet on Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm at Sally Whitsett's.



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**Save the Dates: More info to follow:**

**Sunday afternoon May 18<sup>th</sup> - High Tea**

**@ Sandy Wolfe's.** The tea will honor Tech Trek and Local Scholarship Students as well as the induction of PHAAUW elected officers for 2008-2009 We need volunteers who'll provide place settings for a table for four. They can contact me at 925 682 8657, *Judy Onopchenko, program chair*

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**

**Chamber mixer with JFK University and PHAAUW.** Plan to attend!

**Interest Group Meetings:**

**MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. at Marilyn Tubbs'. We will be discussing *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. This is a true story of one man's goal to build schools for girls in Pakistan's rural/mountainous area ~ a truly inspiring story. May's selection is still being decided, but is sure to be intriguing. Don't miss these stimulating discussions!

**IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m., at Kay Ernst's. Our topic will be about our memoirs ~ specifically, "How Did I Dress in Elementary School? Junior High? High School?" Was there a dress code? Were uniforms required? We invite everyone to come and tell her story. Fiction is always welcome. Everything and anything is acceptable.

**EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Eileen Bordenave's. We will be discussing *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. This is a wonderful allegorical tale about listening to our hearts and following our dreams. Please call Eileen, if you are planning to attend.

**MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 BRIDGE** will meet Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 7:00 pm. @ Marge Munger's'.

**AAUW BOARD MEETING** will meet at Kit Hein's @ 7:15 pm Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am. @ Suzanne Salter's. Bring your handiwork and come join this friendly, helpful group.

**PLAYREADING** will meet on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at Ish Mendonsa's. We will be reading humorous monologues. It will be a light hearted, fun time. Come join us.

**FRUGAL FOODIES** will meet on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Jitr Thai in Alamo. Please contact Suzanne Mesetz if you're interested as she usually makes reservations on Fri or Sat for the Sunday dinner. Be sure to bring your Entertainment Book and enjoy a social meal with friends.

**GENEAOLOGY –**

**Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. –** There will be a class on "Finding the Maiden Name and More" at the LDS church, 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord. Vera Broyles will do the presentation. We will go to lunch afterwards.

**On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-4pm** is the Sonoma County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar. This year Rhonda R. McClure will be speaking on: *Getting the most from online research, Newspapers - finding the buried treasure, and Old and new - combining the best of the internet and traditional research.*

This is an all day seminar. The lecture starts at 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 plus \$12 for a box lunch. Pre registration is due April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the best genealogy seminars in the area and it is highly recommended. The web site is [www.scgs.org](http://www.scgs.org). Contact Kay Ernst so we can make car pool arrangements.

**Community**

We will need some help on June 18<sup>th</sup> for our Chamber Mixer evening shared with the JFK University, and the month before we will get together to finalize the whole event.

We are planning on donating some baskets of mugs and local coffee etc. and for this we will need YOUR help. Thanks in advance.

Ginny



**Its Dues Time**

**Please clip this statement  
and remit the amount to**

**Diane Gartner  
28 Rolling Green Circle  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

**Dues Statement**

**July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**

|                                               |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Association                                   | <b>\$49.00</b>        |
| State                                         | <b>\$16.00</b>        |
| Branch                                        | <b><u>\$18.00</u></b> |
| Subtotal                                      | <b>\$83.00</b>        |
| Barbara Newacheck<br>Memorial Fund (optional) | \$ _____              |
| Total Remitted                                | \$ _____              |

Payment is due now.  
*Paying dues prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> assures your  
name will be included in the PHAAUW  
'08-'09 Directory*  
**Questions? Please phone Diane.**

**News from other Branches:**

Amador Branch is having their 36<sup>th</sup> annual Home Tour *Victorian Spring in Historic Jackson* on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 11am -4pm in Jackson, CA. Tickets \$20. Tour includes a tea, cookies, hand made quilt drawing, art show & lunch discounts at local restaurants. Info: (209) 245-6052 or email [chapman@volvano.net](mailto:chapman@volvano.net)

**First Friday Forum Speaker Series**

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church  
1pm refreshments, 1:30pm Speaker: **\$36 for the series, or \$8.00 per**  
**May 2, 2008**

**Cindy Siljestrom, Executive Director of Hospice of the East Bay, Hospice 101**

**June 6, 2008**

**Jim Rosenthal**

*Peace Process in the Middle East*

**DIABLO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE  
CENTER (DIRC)  
SPRING LECTURE SERIES  
TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7:30 pm**

|         |          |                                                                                                                                    |
|---------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday | April 8  | <i>Our Elections: Local &amp; World Influence</i><br>Presented by:<br>Steven Weir –<br>CC County Clerk<br>Recorder                 |
| Tuesday | April 15 | <i>Iran: Enemy or Friend?</i><br>Presented by:<br>Franklin T.<br>Burroughs –<br>International<br>Consultant                        |
| Tuesday | April 22 | <i>U.S &amp; Global Economy: What Direction?</i><br>Presented by:<br>Richard Abrams<br>-- Economic<br>Professor, UCB               |
| Tuesday | April 29 | <i>Water Resources: Local &amp; Global</i><br>Presented by:<br>Mathew<br>Heberger, Exec.<br>Director of<br>Waterplanet<br>Services |
| Tuesday | May 6    | <i>Immigration: What Direction for USA?</i><br>Presented by:<br>Mark Silverman,<br>Immigrant Legal<br>Resource Center              |
| Tuesday | May 13   | <i>U.S. Energy Policy</i><br>Presented by: Dr.<br>Michael Dietrick,<br>Energy Policy<br>Consultant                                 |

Lectures are held at the Del Valle Library, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Registration for the lecture series can be done by mail or at first meeting. For information, contact Acalanes Adult Center: 925-280-3980, ext. 8001 or [www.DiabloIRC.org](http://www.DiabloIRC.org).



The Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's Board of Directors Resolution was written so eloquently and mentioned many of our services to the community that our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair, Margi Alkire, requested that we include it in our newsletter.



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Recreation & Park District**  
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147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
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# Board of Directors Resolution

**PLEASANT HILL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

IN THE MATTER OF

**RESOLUTION** 2008-02-09

**HONORING PLEASANT HILL BRANCH,  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)**

THE PLEASANT HILL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES FIND:

**WHEREAS**, the American Association of University Women is a national organization which advances the equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research and has more than 100,000 members and 1,300 branches across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pleasant Hill Branch was chartered in 1957 and currently has over 70 members where some members serve on local and state commissions both elected and appointed. Many members do frequently work at polling places during elections. Some members also work with Pleasant Hill Education Commission in presenting the Pleasant Hill Schools Student Showcase and they have volunteered at some local elementary schools; and

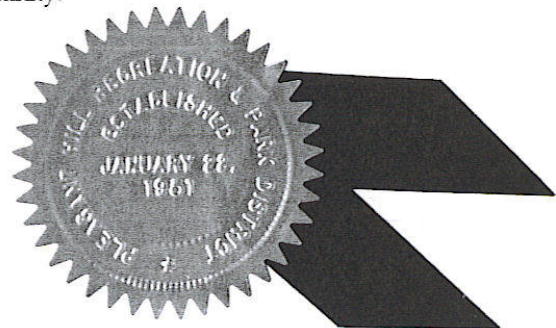
**WHEREAS**, the Pleasant Hill Branch AAUW provides scholarships to local high school and community college students who plan to enroll in a four year college or university and in addition, they also fund middle school girls interested in math and science for the Tech Trek program at Mills College in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, this association has been supportive of the Recreation and Park District programs and has been dedicated to the community by participating in community service day and various other events to enrich the lives of children and young women; and



**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors and staff of the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District congratulates the Pleasant Hill Branch AAUW for their 50 Year Anniversary and for their years of service to the community.

*Presented by Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District  
Board of Directors  
February 9, 2008*

  
Dennis Donaghu, Board Chair



# April 2008

| Sun                                                                                                                | Mon                                                                                | Tue                                                                                                                       | Wed                                                          | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Fri                                                              | Sat |                                                                       |                                                         |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <br>"Spring has Sprung!"          |                                                                                    | 1                                                                                                                         | <b>AM Books</b><br><b>10:00 am @</b><br><b>Marilyn Tubbs</b> | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3                                                                | 4   | 5                                                                     |                                                         |                                                         |
| 6                                                                                                                  | <b>Evening Bridge</b><br><b>7:00 pm @</b><br><b>Marge Munger's</b>                 | 7                                                                                                                         | 8                                                            | 1: In Indelible Ink<br><b>10:00 am @</b><br>Kay Ernst's<br>2: AAUW Board mtg<br><b>7:15 pm @</b><br>Kit Hein's                                                                                                | 9                                                                | 10  | 11                                                                    | 12                                                      |                                                         |
| 13                                                                                                                 | 14                                                                                 | <b>Playreading</b><br><b>10:00 am @</b><br><b>Ish Mendonsa's</b>                                                          | 15                                                           | <b>PH Chamber mixer</b><br><b>Estate Consignments</b><br><b>5:30-7:30 pm</b><br><b>1500 CC Blvd PH</b>                                                                                                        | 16                                                               | 17  | <b>Nimble Fingers</b><br><b>10:30 am @</b><br><b>Suzanne Salter's</b> | 18                                                      | <b>Genealogy</b><br><b>LDS Church</b><br><b>Concord</b> |
| 20                                                                                                                 | 21                                                                                 | 22                                                                                                                        | 23                                                           | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Matinee Idol</b><br><b>Contact Marlene</b><br><b>for info</b> | 25  | 26                                                                    | <b>Genealogy</b><br><b>Seminar</b><br><b>Santa Rosa</b> |                                                         |
| <b>Frugal Foodies</b> 27<br><b>6:00 pm</b><br><b>Jitr Thai in Alamo</b><br><b>Contact</b><br><b>Suzanne Mesetz</b> | <b>Evening Books</b> 28<br><b>7:00 pm @</b><br><b>Eileen</b><br><b>Bordenave's</b> | <b>LAF Bridge</b> 29<br><b>Fundraiser</b><br><b>"Let Them Eat Cake"</b><br><b>12:30 pm</b><br><b>Brookview Club House</b> | 30                                                           |  <p>See you at the LAF Bridge party! Don't forget!<br/>Prizes + food +friendship<br/>+LAF donation!<br/>"What a deal!"</p> |                                                                  |     |                                                                       |                                                         |                                                         |



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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.