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# CONGRATULATIONS!



*Celebrate the Past - Look to the Future*

*Pleasant Hill AAUW*

*Golden Anniversary Luncheon*

*Saturday, February 9, 2008*

*11:00 to 2:00*

*at*

*Contra Costa Country Club*

*801 Golf Club Road*

*Pleasant Hill*

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## PITHY PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

*Co President's Kay Ernst & Marlene Maksel*

The finishing touches are being completed for our 50th Anniversary Party. It's going to be a grand day! If you haven't sent in your reservations DO IT TODAY. This is an event you don't want to miss. So many people have done so much to make this a marvelous party. Planning and working on the various activities for our anniversary party has been almost as much fun as the actual event will be.



Speaking of being involved, our Nominating Committee is getting geared up. Say "yes" if the committee calls you. Being involved makes your membership in AAUW so much more rewarding.

Our next big event will be "Brother and Sisters in Crime." That's right, there will be a gentleman in addition to the ladies. Last year was such an interesting evening. Plan on bringing your spouse, significant other, friend, etc. This event will interest everyone. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 29 at Hillcrest Congregational Church.

Marlene and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the 50th Anniversary Party on Saturday, February 9.

*Kay Ernst*

## **Phone Correction for Marlene DeLaurenti 925-934-4171**



*Muriel Fry, Margi Alkire, Jean Hambleton & Eileen Bordenave  
working on the Anniversary mailers. Did you get yours?*

Dear Members,

February is Our Big Month  
the Celebration of PH AAUW's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

- If by some strange chance your invitation was not in your mail,  
please contact me
- If you haven't made your reservation by now,  
please get in touch with me
- If you want to add more guests,  
please let me know

Margi Alkire  
827-2940 51 Rolling Green Circle, PH [Red-bird51@comcast.net](mailto:Red-bird51@comcast.net)

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The 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, listed below, has planned a  
wonderful luncheon for you and your friends.

Margi Alkire  
Bernice Ball  
Eileen Bordenave  
Kay Ernst  
Muriel Fry  
Gayle Garrison  
Diane Gartner  
Jean Hambleton  
Ginny Hargrave  
Kit Hein

Shelley Jacobson  
Marlene Maksel  
Ish Mendonsa  
Judy Onopchenko  
Kathleen Searles  
Janet Sullivan  
Marilyn Tubbs  
Mary Westgate  
Susie Weight  
Sandy Wolfe

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

**Money movers Investment Club**  
will meet on Monday, February 11, 7:00 pm at  
Marilyn Tubbs, 18 Monivea Place, PH.



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### **Local Scholarship Non - Tea**

#### **Fundraiser Kick-Off:**

Watch for your invitation to our annual Local Scholarship Non Tea Event. Plans are for the invitations to be delivered at the Soup Supper. If you are not in attendance, you will receive your invitation in the mail. Please sit down, relax, and sip a cup of tea on us. Think about how you will assist our local high school and DVC students in their quest for college scholarships this spring. . Mail your donation in the enclosed envelope to Marilyn Tubbs For the past ten years AAUW has been providing a \$500 scholarship to our local students. We're always seeking members to help on this committee. Information - call Susi Weight, Local Scholarship Chair.

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

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sisters (and Brother) in Crime**  
**Hillcrest Congregational Church**

**Mystery Author Speakers:**

- Mark Coggins
- Camille Minichino
- Ann Parker
- Penny Warner

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**

**Chamber mixer with JFK University and PHAAUW**

**PHAAUW 50th Anniversary**

**Committee** will hold its final planning meeting on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am @ Margi Alkire's, 52 Rolling Green Circle Pleasant Hill, CA

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### **Interest Group Meetings:**

**MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, February 6, 10 am at Shirlee Thompson's, 71 Del Vista Court, PH. We will be discussing **French by Heart** by Rebecca Ramsey. A family from the southern U.S. goes to France to live for four years - this story chronicles the ups and downs of living in a foreign country. In March we will be reading the wonderful classic, **The Good Earth** by Pearl S. Buck and the choice for April is **Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson.

**EVENING BRIDGE** will meet Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ Shirlee Thompson's, 7:00 pm.

**AAUW BOARD MEETING** will meet at Marilyn Tubbs, 18 Monivea Place, PH @ 7:15 pm Wednesday, February 13th. 2008.

**IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m., at Ginny Hargrave's. Our topic is "I Bet You Didn't Know That I..." We invite everyone to come and tell about their darkest secret~or, just some fun thing you've done. Fiction is always welcome~maybe a humorous one. . Everything and anything is acceptable.

**EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, February 25th, 7 p.m. at Marti Martin's, 1653 Sunhill Ct, , Martinez. We will be discussing **Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen. This is a different sort of story involving the circus and an old man's memories. Please call Marti, 229-3574 if you are planning to attend.

**MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. We usually pick the movie at the beginning of that week, so please call Marlene (689-5439) if you are interested. We always have coffee (sometimes lunch if it is an early movie) after the movie to discuss it.

**NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on Friday, February 15th, 10:30 am. @ Sandy Wolfe's Bring your handiwork and come join this friendly, helpful group.

**PLAYREADING** will meet on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. 10 am at Jean Hambleton's, 90 Rolling Green Circle, PH. Come join us - **GENEALOGY** - Saturday, February 16 at 10 a.m. there will be a class, "Land and Property" with Thurza Willis as instructor. This class will be held at the LDS Church, 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord. It starts at 10 a.m. and it's FREE. We will go out to lunch following the class. Contact Kay Ernst if you are planning on attending.

## **FRUGAL FOODIES**

will meet on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Giardino's, 3400 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Be sure to bring your Entertainment Book and enjoy a, social meal with friends. Contact Suzanne Mesetz if you plan to attend.

## **Public Policy:**

Senate Leader Don Perata, D-Oakland, announces that the Senate's health committee will take up the Assembly health care reform bill this week.

The lowdown is it's expected the Senate will eventually pass it and the governor will sign it. But a more precarious problem looms: Will voters pass it?

*Shirlee Thompson, chair*

**We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Elinor Manuel who passed away on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Elinor was active in the Playreading group and was the pianist for our Christmas party several years ago.**

**Our prayers and positive thoughts are extended to Gayle Carr who recently suffered a stroke. She is currently in the Neuro ICU unit at John Muir Hospital in WC.**

**We extend our best wishes to Inez Richards who has had recurring health problems lately.**

## **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*



## **First Friday Forum Speaker Series**

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church  
1pm refreshments, 1:30pm Speaker

### **February 1, 2008**

**Peter Darbee, CEO, PG&E**

Climate Change: The Time is Now

### **March 7, 2008**

**Tom Vacar**

**KCBS Consumer Rights Advocate**

Consumer Rights from Energy Prices to ID theft

*More meetings April, May & June – to follow next month*

## **Local AAUW Branch Activities:**

### **Orinda/Moraga/Lafayette Feb 19, 2008**

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School St, Moraga 10:00 am

### **Report Card on Title IX- Playing Fair on the Sports Field?**

Speaker Dena Evans, Pro coordinator, Stanford Univ Center on Ethics. *Info: [aauw.oml.org](http://aauw.oml.org)*  
*Donations accepted for LAF fund of AAUW*  
*Info: [aauw.oml.org](http://aauw.oml.org)*

## **Nominating Committee Report:**

The nominating committee has recommended the following slate of elected officers for **2008-2009.**

### **President:**

**Margi Alkire**

**Kit Hein**

**Janet Sullivan**

### **V President (Membership)**

**Diane Gartner**

### **V Presidents (Program)**

**Bea Ball**

**Eileen Bordenave**

### **V President (EF)**

**Marlene DeLaurenti**

**Judy Onopchenko**

**Sandy Wolfe**

### **V President (LAF)**

**Victoria Maat**

### **Secretary**

**Ish Mendonsa**




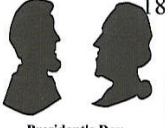
### **Treasurer:**

**Suzanne Salter**

The slate of officers will appear again in the March N.E.W.S. Elections will be held at the March general meeting.

And many thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee: **Kit Hein and Diane Gartner, co-chairs, Elizabeth DiPietro, Alvera Welsh, Jean DeGregory with Marlene Maksiel and Ginny Hargrave as alternates.**  
*Eileen Bordenave, Parliamentarian*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 50th Anniv Committee mtg 10 am @ Margi Alkire's	2
3	4 Evening Bridge 7:00 pm @ Shirlee Thompson's	5 	6 Morning Books 10:00 am @ Shirlee Thompson's	7	8	9 
10	11	12	13 In Indelible Ink 10:00 am @ Ginny Hargrave's  AAUW Bd Mtg 7:15 pm @ Marilyn Tubbs'	14 	15 Nimble Fingers 10:30 am @ Sandy Wolfe's  50th Anniv Comm mtg 2:00 pm @ Margi Alkire's	16 Genealogy Class 10:00 am @ LDS Church (Call Kay Ernst)
17	18  President's Day	19 Playreading 10:00 am @ Jean Hambleton's	20 Chamber Mixer Playa Azul 1428 Contra Costa Blvd 5:30 - 7:30 pm RSVP 687-0700	21	22	23
24 Frugal Foodie Giardino's in Lafayette - 6 pm Call Suzanne Mesetz	25 Evening Books 7:00 pm @ Marti Martin's	26	27	28 Matinee Idle Contact Marlene Maksel for info	29 Leap Day	



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