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Have you ever seen penguins dance?



Shannon & Dick Merrill

Are going to discuss their recent trek to Anartica

plus our

Annual Soup Supper

(always a big hit)

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Hillcrest Congregational Church

404 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA

*Spouses, significant others, friends are invited
Please bring your own soup bowl and spoon
Bread and drinks will be provided.*

Each attendee may choose to provide one of the following:

- A pot of soup to serve 8 to 10 people
- A dessert to serve 6-8 people
- A \$5 donation at the door

Please RSVP to Jean Hambleton by Monday, 1/14/08 (798-2344)



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**PITHY PRESIDENTIAL
PROSE**

*Co President's Kay Ernst &
Marlene Maksel*

Another year winding to a
close! How long will you be
writing 2007 when you mean
2008? It always takes a little
while to get used to a change.



And, speaking of change, your Nominating Committee will be meeting this month to fill a slate for officers for the coming year ~ 2008-2009. I hope you will seriously consider making a commitment to the branch and be ready to say "yes," if you are asked to fill a position. Leadership is one of the many skills we learn in AAUW. Being an officer is one of the best ways to demonstrate that leadership knowledge and ability.

We are revving up for our big 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, February 9, 2008. It will be held at the Contra Costa Country Club and the committee has been hard at work on a program that will include entertainment, photographs, gifts, accomplishments, tributes, etc. Plus, a delicious gourmet lunch. It will really be a grand finale for a grand accomplishment, so be sure it is on your calendar!

Our annual State Convention will be in Rohnert Park in April. Kay and I hope that many of you will decide to attend since the location doesn't require much travel. It will be at the Sonoma Doubletree Inn in April ~ from the 4th through the 6th. Keep it in mind.

Hope to see all of you at an Interest Section this month. With the holidays over, we are pretty much back to our regular schedule, so c'mon and pick one to check out.

Marlene

Congratulations and many thanks to all who helped make the Barnes&Noble bookfair a huge success. We are sending a check for \$857.48 to the Tech Trek account. That pays for more than one camper. PLUS, we donated more than 20 books to the Fair Oaks library. Librarian Wendy was very pleased and grateful. What a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit.

Kit Hein, Tech Trek Chair



*Jean DeGregory,
Helene Martyn,'07 Tech
Trek student and
Kit Hein, Tech Trek
chair, selling books to
sponsor next year's
students at the Barnes &
Noble book store.*

Pleasant Hill AAUW
50th Anniversary Luncheon

Contra Costa Country Club

Saturday, February 9, 2008
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$25

1. Above is the information about our 50th Anniversary Luncheon. We hope all members will attend. Guests and spouses are warmly invited too.
2. Branch members will be receiving their personal invitations in the mail early in January, thanks to Eileen Bordenave who has been hand-addressing all the envelopes!
We also thank Sandy Wolfe and her daughters for designing the invitations.

There will be a response card included for you to make your reservation and your luncheon selections. During the reception time, there will be complimentary lemonade, iced tea and a no-host bar. After the luncheon, we will have birthday cake. Of course!
3. We are inviting state and regional AAUW officers and past members. If you have any names and addresses to add to the list, please contact our "list-maker" Muriel Fry.
4. The Anniversary Committee continues to meet. Our next meetings will be **Tuesday, January 8, 2008**, 10 a.m. at Margi Alkire's home and **Friday, February 1, 2008** 10 a.m. also at Margi's. We invite you to attend--we can use your help!
5. On Monday, **January 28, 2008**, the Pleasant Hill City Council will present a congratulatory Proclamation to our branch at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Will you come?

Margi Alkire
and committee

Happy 50th Anniversary PHAAUW

..Remembering PHAAUW.....

The Last of Reflections of Our Past.....

1957 - 2007

Remember when the new millennium was almost upon us and the many strange events that were to take place – the world would quit being; the stars order would be undone; Y2K didn't sting and somehow we made it to the new year 2000 without incident.

Looking back on some of the events that lead to our way of living today are worthwhile giving comment.

In 1945 the State Convention was replaced by a meeting of the Board of Directors due to travel restrictions. Was that a foresight that should have been perpetuated?

1950 - brought the leadership training for all state officers and chairmen was initiated.

1966 - the Fellowship fundraising reached over \$100,000 for the first time.

1975 - CSD hires their first paid Legislative Advocate.

1983 - CSD is made a Region.

1985- CSD office opens in Sacramento.

Dues are now \$5.00

1987 - CSD has 184 branches.

For all of us that have enjoyed membership in the PHAAUW the memories, the learning, the leadership training, and the friendship will have an enduring place in our lives and we wish everyone a very happy 50th Anniversary.

**CELEBRATE THE PAST
LOOK TO THE FUTURE**

Dates to remember.....

- *February 9, 2008 Anniversary Luncheon*
- *June 17, 2008 Chamber Mixer – JFK University*

Ginny

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, January 14th, 7:00 pm at
the UBS Financial Services Inc. office @
2185 N. California Blvd. Ste 400, WC,



Community Affairs:

Don't forget Wednesday, January 16, 2008 - the Chamber Mixer at the Senior Center in Pleasant Hill @ 5:30 pm. Make reservations at the Chamber office. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

Ginny Hargrave

Save the dates----More to follow:

Monday, January 21, 2008

PHAAUW Past President's luncheon at Back Forty. Email info to follow.

Saturday, February 2, 2008

Northern CA LAF Fundraising Luncheon

Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA 11 am – 2 pm. \$30/person. Hear Coach Michael Burch share the compelling story of his fight for the women wrestlers at UC Davis.

Reservation deadline: January 24, 2008.

Info and reservations : Marty McKnew,
marty501@frontiernet.net.

March 25, 2008: California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom Day in

Sacramento. Reproductive Freedom Day is the Coalition's exciting annual advocacy day held in Sacramento, with an agenda that includes workshops, speakers, legislative training and visits with state representatives to

advocate for the latest reproductive and sexual health issues. For more

information and registration visit
www.reproductivefreedomca.org. AAUW California is a member of this coalition.

Public Policy:

HEALTH CARE UPDATE

There are now just two plans on the table for Californian's to consider---the Governor's plan and SB840 by Senator Sheila Kuehl. The Legislative plan AB8 was vetoed by the governor.

The Governor's plan: The Governor has just submitted a 200 page document outlining his plan in legislative terms. This means it can become a bill if he can find an author. His plan focuses on affordability, guaranteed access and financing. Republicans will not support his financing plan. Democrats are concerned about the "mandate that everyone buy insurance" and the lack of a strong cost containment provision. It would appear that this plan will not be accepted by the legislature. The governor may take the plan to the voters. In the meantime, both sides are continuing to work for a realistic compromise plan.

SB840: Senator Kuehl's SB840(supported by AAUW CA for the last three years) is still alive and will be in the mix come January for the second year of this legislative term. Many Democrats think SB840 is the most realistic plan proposed to date. Senator Kuehl has pledged to carry this bill through the end of her term, 2008. Although Californians may not have a plan agreed upon by the end of 2007 (the year of health care) the subject of health care will not fade away in 2008. Both the governor and the legislature seem committed to reforming the system. *Shirlee Thompson, Chair*

PS: As we go to press the House has just passed the governor's proposal. More to come!

Activities in other branches:

Martinez Branch:

Thursday, January 24, 2008 - 7 pm. ~ Alhambra HS Panel to provide an objective look at the youth social internet sites ie Club Penguin, My Space & Facebook.

hjburt@pacbell.net for info

Thank You:

To all the wonderful ladies in AAUW -

Thank you so very much for all of the great books you purchased and donated to our library.

We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The students & staff at Fair Oaks

Interest Group Meetings:

MORNING BOOKS will meet on Wednesday, January 2, 10 am at Sandy Wolfe's.

We will be discussing Digging to America by Anne Tyler. Different from Tyler's usual books, this one involves the joys and pitfalls of adopting a baby from a foreign country. In February we will be reading French by Heart by Rebecca Ramsey and the choice for March is the wonderful classic, The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck. Don't miss these stimulating discussions.

EVENING BRIDGE will meet Monday, January 7th @ Elizabeth DiPietro's., 7:00 pm.

AAUW BOARD MEETING will meet at Gayle Garrison's @ 7:15 pm Wednesday, January 9th. 2008.

IN INDELIBLE INK will meet on Wednesday, January 9th, 10 a.m., at Ginny Hargrave's. Our topic is "My Favorite Things." We invite everyone to come and tell about their favorite books, vacation spots, food, places to shop, etc. Fiction is always welcome ~ maybe a humorous one. Everything and anything are acceptable.

EVENING BOOKS will meet on Monday, January 28th, 7 p.m., at Sally Whitsett's. We will be discussing Dragon Bones: A Red Princess Mystery by Lisa See. This is a thriller by the popular author of Snow Flower and the Secret Fan. Please call Sally if you are planning to attend.

MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies on Thursday, January 24th ~ back to our regular schedule. 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.

NIMBLE FINGERS will meet on Friday, January 18th, 10:30 am @ Janet Sullivan's. Bring your handiwork and come join this friendly, helpful group.

PLAYREADING will meet on Tuesday, January 15th at Maxine Walden's. Come join us.

PHAAUW's 50th Anniversary Motto

*Celebrate the Past!
Look to the Future!*




Co President Marlene, Gayle Garrison & Sharon Lind enjoying the fabulous Christmas party at the Brookview Club House.



Playreading group's All Branch Christmas party supported the Hillcrest Congregational Church Layette Program in December. Jean Hambleton spoke about the program and shared how the layettes are organized and distributed. What a great time checking out all those really cute baby things!

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 Morning Books 10 am @ Sandy Wolfe's	3	4	5
6	7 Evening Bridge 7:00 pm @ Elizabeth DiPietro's	8 Anniversary Committee mtg 10:00 am Margi Alkire's	9 In Indelible Ink 10 am @ Ginny Hargrave's AAUW. Board mtg 7:15 pm @ Gayle Garrison's	10	11	12
13	14	15 Playreading 10:00 am @ Maxine Walden's	16 Soup Supper and Anartica Talk Hillecrest Congregational Church 6:30 - 9:00 pm	17	18 Nimble Fingers 10:30 am @ Janet Sullivan's	19
20	21 M.L King Day PHAAUW Past President's Luncheon (Info to follow)	22	23	24 Matinee Idol (Call Marlene for info)	25	26
27	28 Evening Books 7:00 pm @ Sally Whitsett's	29	30	31		



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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.