



**Hawaiian  
Holiday Party  
Friday**

**December 11**  
**Brookview Club House**  
**1201 Monument Blvd**  
**Concord -- 6 p.m.**

**Hawaiian Dress Welcome**

**Mele Kalikimaka!**

**Price: \$25 per person (no shells please) includes**

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**Appetizers**

**Wine and Other Beverages**

**Hawaiian Buffet Dinner from Dave's Cuisine Catering**

**Dessert and Coffee**

**Dancing by the Hawaiian Ladies**

**In the spirit of sharing, please bring  
a donation to the Food Bank and/or  
books for Fair Oaks School**

*To be part of this festive time, send your check (Made out to PH AAUW) to Bernice Ball, 94 Rolling Green Circle, Pleasant Hill, no later than December 7. Your check is your reservation.*

**Welcome spouses, friends, Martinez members, and prospective members**



## Presidential Team Report

Involvement in our community is one of the ways we can promote equity for girls and women through advocacy, education and research. Sending our rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to Tech Trek is one way ~ another is our Local Scholarship program for girls/women who are continuing their education after graduation from high school or community college.

Another way is supporting our local library through volunteering. Already several of our members are donating hours to restocking shelves and helping where needed to insure our library remains a source of research for all students.

We support our Chamber of Commerce by attending monthly Mixers, when possible, and by patronizing local merchants. An economically strong business community is vital to our mission because the business community impacts all of us, in various ways.

We are continually thinking of our schools and the budget cuts at all educational levels. We can help out in a small way by volunteering to tutor, or by assisting in the SAM program, at Fair Oaks Elementary. Both of these endeavors are rewarding to participants and to Fair Oaks. This month we will be collecting books for the library at Fair Oaks at our Book Fair on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a win-win situation because the monies earned from the Book Fair at Barnes & Nobel goes to the Tech Trek program ~ but Fair Oaks benefits, too, from the books you purchase.

Be an active AAUW member and become active in your community! The Team

## Public Policy

**Marlene Maksel**

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) funding was included in a recent bill signed by President Obama. The bill provides funding for women and underrepresented minorities in the STEM fields. It provides \$400,000 in research and extension grant funding.

The shortage of American scientists threatens our nation's ability to compete and innovate in the coming years, especially as the outsourcing of jobs to, and importing science from, other nations continues to grow. AAUW supports promoting and strengthening STEM education.

Let your legislators know how important this program is to AAUW and to our nation.

## 2009– 2010 Leadership Team

### **Presidents:**

<b>Jean Hambleton</b>	<b>798-2344</b>
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### **Vice President Program:**

**Waiting for volunteer**

### **Vice President's – EF:**

<b>Alana MacDonald</b>	<b>933-4427</b>
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### **Vice President's Membership:**

<b>Margi Alkire</b>	<b>827-2940</b>
<b>Suzanne Salter</b>	<b>935-0861</b>

### **Vice President – LAF:**

<b>Victoria Maat</b>	<b>933-4432</b>
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### **Secretary:**

<b>Gayle Garrison</b>	<b>798-7528</b>
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### **Treasurer:**

<b>Marilyn Tubbs</b>	<b>939-6220</b>
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### **Newsletter Editor:**

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Copy deadline for January N.E.W.S. is December 15th.

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## PHAAUW ON DISPLAY

Membership co-chair Margi Alkire and her energetic team put together a stunning display for the Pleasant Hill Library entrance



Hill display case. As issue of the N.E.W.S. will be early, you should have time to visit admire their handiwork.



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We are visible in our community!!



PLEASANT HILL AAUW  
BOOKFAIR  
BARNES & NOBLE  
BOOKSELLERS



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009**

Help us send three Pleasant Hill girls to TECH TREK, a math & science camp for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. At the same time, you can help Fair Oaks, our adopted elementary school, by buying a book for their school library. There will be a table with the Fair Oaks list and desired books at Barnes & Noble on December 6.

You must bring the voucher to the right with you and anything you purchase (except gift cards, memberships & café purchases) at Barnes & Noble that day or in the week following (**December 6 through December 12**) will count.

You can also send these vouchers to friends/family in other areas. If they use the vouchers during the week of December 6-12, we will get credit for their purchase.

Thank you for your support and good reading!  
**Marti Martin – Tech Trek Book Fair Chair**

## Stick'em on the Fridge:

*Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>*

### International Soup Supper

The featured speaker will be Rachel Weight, a former \$500.00 local scholarship awardee from our branch and Susi Weight's granddaughter! She will be presenting a power point presentation of her travels and volunteer work in several Latin American countries with a focus on the role of women in the Latin culture and the hardships they face.  
More details in the January NEWS.

*Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

6:30 p.m.

"On the Razzle", a Tom Stoppard comedy at the DVC Playhouse with dessert and coffee.

Will benefit "Tech Trek."

# Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR Supporting Pleasant Hill AAUW

**Sunday, December 06, 2009**

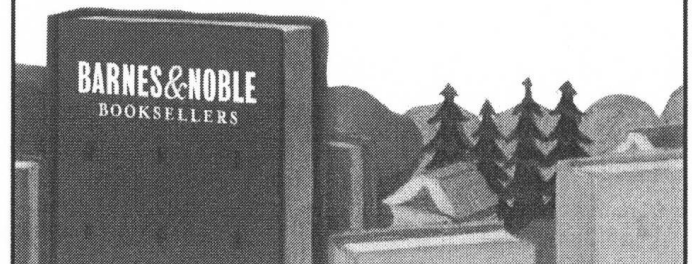
**Barnes & Noble Pleasant Hill**

**552 Contra Costa Blvd Ste 90**

Please present this voucher prior  
to making your purchase.  
A percentage of the net sale will  
be donated to your school/organization.\*

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\*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, text books and magazine subscriptions are not included in bookfair totals. Our discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.



Find the PHAAUW website at

<http://www.aauw-ph.org/>

## INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



\*\* **MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, 2 December, 10 am at Gayle Garrison's. Our discussion will be on *Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* by Shaffer and Barrows. The story is told through a series of letters during, and after, the German occupation of the Isle of Guernsey. This is a book you will long remember. In January, we will be reading a light mystery ~ *Masie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear. Please join us!



\*\* **IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at Marilyn Tubbs'. The topic will be to write about, appropriately, "Christmas Memories." If you've never tried your hand at writing, just pretend you're writing an email, or a letter. It doesn't have to be anything profound and we don't criticize anyone's writing! Come on! Give us a try! Come and listen if you don't want to write anything.



\*\* **EVENING BOOKS** will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on Monday, 25 January, 7 pm, at Sally Whitsett's. We will be discussing *Woman of a Thousand Secrets*.




\*\* **MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, **17 December**. Again, this is a week early because of the holidays. Call Marlene (689.5439) if you are planning to attend, or if you have any good suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.

### \*\* **BRIDGE – The Grand Slammers**



struck out in Oct and Nov, but we will try again in December. Put December 14, the second Monday, at 12:30 to play bridge. It will be at the home of Gayle Garrison....so please call 798-7528 or e-mail [tarheel61@excite.com](mailto:tarheel61@excite.com) Please put AAUW in the subject.

Remember each player pays \$3.  This section is open to anyone who loves to play bridge. Benefits Local Scholarship Fund.



\*\* **NIMBLE FINGERS** invites members and friends to attend our annual AAUW "Layette Shower".

You just need to bring a home-made or store-bought layette item such as a blanket, package of diapers, baby towel, set of booties, sleeper, stuffed animal, or whatever you think a new baby needs.

We ohh and ahh then they are to the Hillcrest Church clothing room for needy moms in the County. 

Date: Thursday, December 10  
Place: Margi Alkire's at 51 Rolling Green Circle  
Time: 10 a.m.

Come to this fun time of holiday sharing!

### ● ● ● **Keeping the Holidays Happy: Helpful Hints from Ms. Manners**

Have you ever had the unhappy experience of inviting people to a party and no one shows up or more folks than you expected appear at your door?

Although there is nothing specific in the Post book of manners about organizations such as AAUW who have regular, monthly activities, maybe there should be. Let's be considerate to whoever has volunteered to be the hostess for one of our interest sections. Even if you are a regular member of this group, let her know whether or not you will be there. Read your monthly bulletin carefully and mark the date, time and place in your calendar.

Don't bug the hostess or chairman of the group with last minute questions about time, place, etc.

Don't wait until the last minute. If you have an unexpected delay, notify the hostess how late you will be before you arrive. If you participate in one of our groups and cannot be a hostess, offer to help with the refreshments or arrive early to help the hostess arrange her furniture. Do your fair share to make your group successful. For the hostess/chairman, remember the deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month. Don't overload our editor with last minute items. And please proof and double check your notice for accuracy e.g. address, telephone number, etc.

Remember, we are a group of volunteers but that does not mean that we cannot be efficient and considerate of our AAUW sisters.

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## Membership Matters –

Margi Alkire and Suzanne Salter

Welcome to the following new members! Be sure to put their names in your red directory.

Many of you met **Mary Shipley** at our September Brunch. Mary is a substitute teacher for the Mt. Diablo School District, but we hope she will have time to attend our interest sections! When she does have free time she likes to crochet, read, and make jewelry.

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671-9198 Husband: LeRoy  
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**Pat Delaney-Fiorelli** has been considering membership for several years and she has finally decided to join us! Pat is a retired business-education teacher from Pinole Valley High School. She loves to travel, read, see movies, and cook.  
2173 LaSalle Drive  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
939-9420 Husband: Ray  
[pattylou1234@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattylou1234@sbcglobal.net)

**Jeanne McGinnis** enjoyed our September Brunch and books groups so much that she has joined! Jeanne is a retired teacher and already has found several friends in our Branch.  
753 Bannock Court  
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798-0729  
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### *Get/Give More for your Membership*

*You've played bridge, gone to the movies, raised money for Tech Trek and scholarships ... what more is there to AAUW?*

*In the months to come all of us have an opportunity to really get up close and personal with this wonderful organization. We have a chance to **SOAR** with AAUW. And you only have to drive the 680 corridor to San Ramon.*

*California State Convention will take place April 30-May 2, 2010 at the San Ramon Marriott. Put it on your calendar now. Muriel Fry is the local arrangements chair and will need lots of help. But more than working more for AAUW, it will be a chance for each of us to get to know our organization and the other members who make it so successful. See you in San Ramon.*



Michelle Jaureguito

## **Legal Advocacy Fund**

Victoria Maat

**Save the date!** The Northern California LAF luncheon will be held **January 30, 2010** at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville (Luncheon cost: \$30). Come support our current California LAF-supported litigant, Michelle Jaureguito, in her fight against Feather River Community College. Jaureguito, former Director of the Upward Bound Talent Search program, tells about the retaliation she suffered and her ultimate termination after reporting multiple violations of the law and exposing the gender discrimination at the College. For more case details, please visit:

<http://aauw.org/advocacy/laf/cases/jaureguito.cfm>

**To attend the LAF luncheon, please return this reservation form by January 18.** If anyone needs a lift to the luncheon, I can bring three additional people with me. Please contact Victoria at 925.933.4432.

### **NORTHERN California**

**January 30, 2010, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
Crow Canyon Country Club  
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA 94526

**\$30.00**

**RSVP Deadline: January 18**

#### **Reservation for Northern LAF Luncheon**

Please circle entrée choice

- Sunburst Chicken Salad
- Sunburst Vegetarian Salad

Includes beverage, rolls and dessert

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

# RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

Send RSVP check payable to AAUW CA

LAF Treasurer  
7632 Woodland Lane  
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# December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Morning Books - 10am	3	4	5
6 BARNES& NOBLE BOOKFAIR - through Dec. 12	7	8	9 <i>In Indelible Tide - 10am</i>	10 Nimble Fingers' Layette Shower 10am	11 Hawaiian Holiday Party-6pm	12
13	14 Grand Slammers 12:30pm	15	16	17 <i>Matinee Idle</i>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Coming Events - Save the Date:**

Jan. 20 - International Soup Supper  
Feb. 5 - Dessert and Play for Tech Trek

Jan. 25 - Evening Books  
APRIL 30, 2009 - SOAR with AAUW-CA



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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.**