

## **Pleasant Hill Branch**

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# Sister Can You Spare A Dime?

PHAAUW SUMMER SOCIAL

Saturday, August 15, 2009

4 pm — Dinner at 5:30 Home of Wit and Paul Hein 533 Roanohe Dr. Martinez

Call: 925-228-7503

Gather with members, families and friends to recognize a time in American history when women had to use their education, creativity, strength and resourcefulness to provide for themselves, their families and their nation during tough economic times.

The movies and documentaries may show mountains of dust, long bread and soup lines, and cars piled high with families' belongings, but many communities gathered together to enjoy each others' company, listen to the music of the big bands, and try out the innovative foods that were coming from fledgling food companies like Nabisco (the name was just 30 years old) and Birdseye (first quick-frozen foods sold to the public in 1930).

Our menu is still being developed so save the date, call in your reservation and wait for more to come. A short notice will be sent out by August 1 with complete details.

#### **Very Tentative Menu**

Pigs in Blankets
Fresh Salads from members' gardens
Chicken Divan
Ground Beef Casserole
Bologna Cups with Peas
Ritz Mock Apple Pie

Beverages: Kool Aid and Shirley Temples

Presidential Team Report Your Presidential Team, Jean Hambleton, Ginny Hargrave and Marlene Maksel, are ready and eager to begin the new 2009-2010 year with PHAAUW.

Although we are without a Program VP, the Team has begun to put together an outline for the general meetings/programs for the upcoming year. We hope to return to the venue of meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of most months with the location to be the same for all programs.

We plan to have some interesting and engaging speakers who relate to our mission of promoting equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. We also hope some programs will be interactive ~ a chance for you to have your say about what you've heard from the presented topic.

And, of course, we will still enjoy Festa Italiana at Viano's Vineyards as a fund raiser for the Education Foundation. The Summer Social is being planned as this is being written ~ further info should be in this same issue.

**Newer Members** please join an Interest Section ~ read a book, discuss a book, play Bridge, write your Memoirs, discover your roots, see a great (or, not so great) movie ~ in other words, GET INVOLVED.

<u>Continuing Members</u> please read the above paragraph. Invite a newer member to a meeting. Volunteer to be on a committee ~ EF, Program, Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, etc.

In conclusion, please join us, with great enthusiasm, in the mission and program of PHAAUW as we enter the year 2009-2010. The Team

### **<u>|2009 – 2010 Leadership Team</u>**

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**Secretary:** 

#### **BUDGET MEETING**

The annual budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5th @ 7:00 pm at Marilyn Tubbs', 18 Monivea Pl, PH.

All members who are expecting to need branch funds for projects next year should plan to attend this meeting. Please let Marilyn know if you plan to attend.

Gayle Garrison 798-7528

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Copy deadline for September N.E.W.S. is due on

August 15th.

Please send copy to kihein@comcast.net

Kit Hein, 533 Roanoke Dr., Martinez

#### **BOARD NOTES:**

The May, 2009 joint board meeting was a lovely dinner at the home of Sandy Wolfe. Outgoing President Kit Hein thanked all of her 2008-09 board members for a job well done. The incoming presidential team welcomed their new board members and emphasized that this will be a year to work on the mission.

## **Membership Memo**

Margi Alkire

Hi Members:

Well, I finally paid my membership on line! If you want to do this, here are the instructions. Of course you will need to pay by credit card.

- 1. Go to www.aauw.org
- 2. When the home page comes in, go to the Member Center tab at the top and then select Member Services Database from the drop-down list.
- 3. Log in---if you do not have your AAUW ID number, you can look it up on-line and then establish a password. You will have to sign off at this time and wait for the confirmation to be sent to you. If you have a problem, email eonline-help@aauw.org or call 800/326-2289 and give your full name, your state, and the name of Pleasant Hill Branch.
- 4. When you have logged in, the page will say "welcome". At the left side of the page, click on Personal Membership MPP and this will open the page to put in your credit card information.
- 5. Once there, if you have any changes in your name, address, telephone, or email, you may put them in at My Profile.

I received my AAUW confirmation immediately. Association will distribute the monies to the State and Branch. Try it! It's time! **Or, mail your check with the coupon below. This works perfectly, too!** 

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#### mail to:

Suzanne Salter, 275 Appallachian Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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## **Interest Group Meetings:**

\*Save the Date!\*

\*Festa Italiana\*

Sat., Oct. 17, 2009

at Viano Winery

3:30-6:30 p.m.

A benefit for &F Foundation

MORNING BOOKS will not meet in July or August. Our September book will be *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. This is a modern-day take on Shakespeare's "Hamlet," and should make an interesting discussion. Our hostess will be Marti Martin and we will meet at 10 am on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<u>IN INDELIBLE INK</u> will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am and the topic will be to write about a snapshot, photo, or painting ~ bring the picture you. The story can be fiction, or a true story ~ use your imagination if you

don't know the background, or know only part of it.

**EVENING BOOKS** will not meet in July or August. In September, we will be reading *Daughter of Persia* by Sattareh Farman Farmaian.

<u>MATINEE IDLE</u> will go to the movies on Thursday, July 23rd. 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, or something, after the movie to discuss it.

and

<u>MATINEE IDLE</u> will go to the movies on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Call Marlene (689.5439) if you are planning to attend, or if you have any good suggestions for a movie. A light discussion, over coffee or other liquid refreshment, usually follows.

#### **BOOK EXCHANGE** - 2nd CALL

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Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2009 for the cost of only one! You buy one book;

then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

We have 2 Exchange lists started and are working on a third. Don't miss out! (You can purchase 2 or 3 books to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!)

Please call Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528 with your selected title and author PRIOR to purchasing your book.

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#### **News from Convention**

(copied from AAUW website aauw.org)

The opening ceremonies for the 2009 AAUW National Convention are currently underway, welcoming close to a thousand AAUW leaders from nearly every state in the union to continue AAUW's work of breaking through barriers for women and girls. Your fellow AAUW members in St. Louis will also be taking up a special call to action this weekend - to fill the voice mailboxes of the 68 senators who have not yet cosponsored the **Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182)**, urging them to do so.

Join Lilly Ledbetter and your friends in St. Louis by being a part of the convention action from home! Even if you couldn't be there for the convention itself, you can feel like you're there by joining this call to action. **Call your senators' D.C. offices today - and every day throughout the convention - and leave a message urging them to cosponsor this critical legislation.** When your senator's staff return to the office on Monday and listen to all the messages from constituents in support of this bill, you'll know your voice was heard on Capitol Hill. If your senators are already cosponsors - congratulations! - you can forward this email to friends and relatives in other states and ask them to add their voices to the cause.

In June 1963, when women were making just 59 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts, President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act. Now, as we close out June 2009, it's time to make the law live up to its name. **Your calls to your senators' offices today,** along with the calls of thousands of AAUW members attending the convention, will be a mighty presence across the nation as we continue the fight for pay equity. **Take Action!** 

Call your senators' D.C. office now and urge them to cosponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act. Simply enter your zip code and click "Go!" Then follow the instructions to place your call. Be sure to check out AAUW's state-by-state data so you can include the specifics about the gender

**Community News** 

Jill Anderson

(Many of the facts and statistics have come from an article by Matthias Gafni that appeared in the CONTRA COSTA TIMES on April 27, 2009 and was updated on April 28, 2009.

In an effort to balance its own budget in these difficult financial times, the Contra Costa Library system is hoping to shift a portion of its facilities and maintenance costs to the cities in which each of the libraries is located. Despite the fact that the libraries are experiencing record numbers of patron usage, the state budget is forcing the County to heavily reduce its own costs.

Many of the newer libraries are already subsidized by city funds. However, older facilities, like the one in Pleasant Hill, are still largely subsidized by the county. The city of Pleasant Hill currently pays nothing for its library services. The library is open 48 hours a week.

The proposal that the county will put to the Pleasant Hill city council will ask for \$285,000 annually to maintain the same number of hours of service. If the city is unable to come up with the money, the county will be forced to reduce hours of service nearly in half.

It is important that Pleasant Hill residents attend City Council meetings this month and voice their opinions and ideas regarding the library. <u>As of this writing the topic is scheduled to appear on the agenda for the July 13 Council meeting.</u>

As a postscript to this article, please note that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District has reduced secondary school library programs to one quarter of previous years. With the College Park High School library closed 2 days a week and each of the middle schools closed 3 days a week, the services of the public library become even more important to all Pleasant Hill residents. (editor)

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