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Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy,
education, philanthropy and research

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In the absence of the usual single program to fill this page, your sneaky editor is choosing to play with text boxes and clip art. I hope I don't confuse anyone too much 😊 Kit




WHAT'S IN A NAME???

NAME CHANGE PROCEDURE

The procedural formalities are being processed for the change of name to Pleasant Hill-Martinez. They will be voted on at the **September 17th General Meeting.**
Ginny Hargrave

MARK YOUR CALENDAR


Festa Italiana
Saturday, Oct. 1st
3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Viano Winery

*Which Interest Section would you like to join? Do you play bridge,  love to discuss the books you are reading, need help on your latest needlepoint  or knitting project (or want to help others), enjoy the company of others when you attend movies,  want to explore your genealogy or even have an idea for a new section that you think others would like? Be sure to attend the **Sept. 17th Kick-Off meeting** to hear more and sign up.*



MEETINGS TO PREPARE FOR FALL:

→ **PLANNING FOR FESTA ITALIANA:** The Festa is our major fund raiser of the year. Please come to the organization meeting and volunteer to help out. Most jobs are small, but, together, we make a big thing happen! The meeting will be at Alana Macdonald's house at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 24th, 233 Western Hills Dr., Pleasant Hill.



→ **SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
10:30 AM
BRUNCH AT MARILYN'S





Il Messaggero

After a very long, wet winter it is with great pleasure that we can wish you a Happy Summer! We want to thank Marlene Maksel and Jean Hambleton, as well as everyone else who held positions, for providing such great leadership to PHAAUW these last years! We will do our best to keep PHAAUW moving forward. We may soon be PH-MTZ AAUW. We'll keep you informed about how we do updating our name without jeopardizing our charter. Aaahhh...bureaucratic hoops! What would we do without them???

As we write this, our Tech Trek awardees are packing and getting ready to spend a week on a college campus learning and experiencing lots of things pertaining to science. We send to them our wishes for a motivating and fun-filled week at Sonoma State University and we look forward to hearing all about their experience at our September General Meeting! Speaking of which....

*Save The Date: Our first General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17 at Co-President Marilyn Thelen's home. Marilyn has a lovely home and a beautiful backyard out in the Alhambra Valley that will make for a perfectly wonderful brunch site. We hope you can all be there!

Ciao from Marilyn and Kathy

BUDGET MEETING

Wed. July 13th 7:00 PM
Rolling Green Clubhouse

Please plan to attend if you will be requesting branch funds for projects next year.

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INTEREST SECTIONS

Because this edition of the N.E.W.S. is for July and August, several interest sections are on hiatus. Look for announcements in the September N.E.W.S.



** BRIDGE

The Grand Slammers will play bridge on July 11, second Monday....at 12:30 at home of Gayle Garrison....call 798-7528 if you would like to play. This is fund raiser for Local Scholarships....so it is open to ALL bridge players. \$3 per player...come and have FUN.



**BOOK EXCHANGE 2nd CALL

Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2011 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.



**MATINEE IDLE

We will go to the movies this summer!! Our first date is Thursday, July 28th and the one in August will be Thursday the 25th. We usually attend a matinee at a local theatre. Call Marlene (689-5439) if you are planning to attend, or have any good suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie after over coffee or other liquid refreshments.

COMMUNITY

Jill Anderson

PH Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Wednesday, July 20th 5:30-7:30 PM

Aegis Assisted Living 1660 Oak Park Blvd, PH



Blues & Brews Festival 2011



When: Saturday, July 23

Where: Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Ln.

Time: Noon – 6 pm

Cost: Brew Tasting Tickets: \$40 (Unlimited tasting Noon – 5:00 pm)

For Tickets go to www.pleasanthillrec.com or call (925) 682-0896

Enjoy a day of live blues music and draft brew tasting.

Martinez Peddlers' Faire

Date: August 6, 2011

Time: 08:00 AM - 04:00 PM



<http://www.mainstreetmartinez.org>

PH Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Wednesday, August 17th 5:30-7:30 PM

Pasta Pomodoro 45 Crescent Drive, PH

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Patricia Harris

AAUW Members Show Support at Mansourian Trial

Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California, a case LAF has supported for six years, just wrapped up a three-week trial in federal court in Sacramento, California. More than a dozen AAUW members from the area attended. AAUW board member Alicia Hetman attended daily and hosted a potluck dinner for the plaintiffs and lawyers. Hetman said she arrived during Mansourian's testimony. "At lunch [Mansourian] told me that she was so happy when she saw me come in as it helped calm her down. ... I wish all AAUW members could feel the pride of hearing those kinds of comments from a litigant. It warms my heart and makes me dig deeper into my purse," said Hetman.

Membership Matters

Marti Martin and Reba Siero

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO SUZANNE SALTER for serving two years as Membership Co-Vice President and a BIG WELCOME TO REBA SIERO who assumed the position of Membership Co- Vice President on July 1.

A REMINDER THAT DUES ARE PAST DUE. We must send the list of our members to national in July PLUS you risk not having your name in the 2011-2012 PHAAUW Directory as only members with current paid dues will be listed. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, **NOW IS THE TIME.** The price is still the same:

\$83.00 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011
\$49 National ---\$46 is tax deductible
\$16 AAUW-CA
\$18 Pleasant Hill Branch

You may pay by check (made out to PH AAUW)

Mail to: Reba Siero
836 Westview Court
Martinez, CA 94553

Or

Credit card at:
AAUW.org - Member Center
log in with your membership number, go to renew, etc.
Note: If you pay on-line, let Reba know at rebasiero@yahoo.com

Also, this is the time to make donations to the Barbara Newachek Fund. Just send a separate check to Reba.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP? THEN PLEASE INVITE HER TO JOIN YOU FOR A SOCIAL, A MEETING, OR AN INTEREST SECTION. WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET HER!



DO THIS NOW!!

(To make sure our records are correct, please fill in this form and mail it with your check.)



Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Do you want included:
Cellphone _____

Email address _____

Spouse's name _____

Any changes to your educational information? _____









YOUR MEMBERSHIP GOES BEYOND PHAAUW

CCC IBC – As a member of PHAAUW you are also a member of the Contra Costa County Interbranch Council. Consisting of all 8 branches in the county, this organization will again sponsor a program at the Lafayette Library. This year it will be concerning Human Trafficking. Several branches working together can put on programs like this that benefit our members as well as the community. **BUT YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.** Volunteer to help. Let your presidents know that you are interested.

EAST BAY DISTRICT AAUW – The CCC IBC and Alameda County IBC are known together as the East Bay District. State officers and committee members who live in these counties work together to provide you with information, expertise and knowledge of all things AAUW. There will once again be a Leadership Training Workshop this August. Final plans are being made. This is for all board members but also for members who really want to be active in AAUW. Please contact Rebo Siero or your presidents, Kathy Searles and Marilyn Thelen to let them know you are interested in participating.

Leadership Training Workshops
Saturday, August 6
Time and location TBA

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>DUES</u>	<u>ARE</u>	<u>DUE</u> 1	<u>NOW</u> 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11  Grand Slammers 12:30pm	12	13  Budget Meeting 7pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20  Chamber Mixer 5:30pm	21	22	23  Blues & Brews 12 noon
24  Festa Italiana Planning 10am	25	26	27	28  Matinee Idle	29	30
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August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6  District Leadership Training
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  Chamber Mixer 5:30pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  Matinee Idle	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Save the Dates: Sept. 17 - General Meeting
Oct. 1 – Festa Italiana



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Membership – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, 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.