



Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch N.E.W.S.

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

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SOARING WITH AAUW

Brunch on September 17

10am – 12

Marilyn Thelen's
5318 Stonehurst Drive
Martinez, CA

RSVP Gretel Holit 939-6436 by 9/13

Listen to Tech Trek girls talk about their camp experience, share summer stories, sign up for interest sections. All the wonderful ways you can Soar With AAUW into the new year. See you there.



Festa Italiana

Saturday, October 9, 2009

3:30PM – 6:30PM

Wine tasting – 3:30 – 4:30 Italian supper – 4:30 – 6:30

Donation \$35.00

Viano Winery
150 Morello Ave., Martinez

*A benefit sponsored by PH-MTZ
AAUW providing scholarships
for women.*



*Tickets are limited. Please
order tickets by Sept. 22.
Call: Lynn Murphy 935-2109 or
Joy Barden 935-7118*



Il Messaggero

It's the beginning of our new year!! Kathy and I are very enthusiastic about what's ahead for us in 2011-2012. First off, we're working on our name change without jeopardizing Pleasant Hill's charter. Martinez AAUW has already returned their charter. At our Board meeting on August 10th, the Board voted unanimously to change our name to Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW with 14 board members present. We are in the process of sending a letter to the State presidents for approval from the California Board. We are all pretty excited about this!!

Our Committee Chairwomen (Program, Membership, Educational Foundation, Ways & Means and Parliamentarian) have all been working very diligently this summer to have everything in order for the beginning of the year. Our membership is currently approximately 80. Marti Martin & Reba Siero will be calling the remaining few that have not renewed so that their names will be on the new roster. If you are one that may have forgotten (summer can be lazy time) please call Reba or Marti ASAP. Thanks!!

Our Program/Membership Committee (Marti Martin, Reba Siero, Sally Whitsett & Gretel Holit) are finalizing the last steps for our September 17th Brunch -- "Soaring with AAUW". It's going to be a lot of fun. We're hoping all of you can attend as we will present our programs for the year.

Our Educational Foundation Chairwomen (Alana MacDonald & Marlene DeLaurenti) have been busy planning our annual Festa Italian Dinner for Saturday, October 1st at the Viano Winery. It appears to be the usual good time and a great fundraiser. If you aren't already on one of these committees give one of the Chairwomen a phone call because you won't want to miss out on all the fun of putting it together. It's a GREAT way to get to know each other.

Ginny Hgrave (our Parliamentarian) had done a superb job on bringing our Policy Sheet up-to-date. Your Board has worked hard to set everything in motion for a great year. All we need is for EVERYONE to attend our programs and give us your input or comments. What a wonderful way to make new friends!! You will be the beneficiary!!

Kathy and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at our September Brunch. Ciao,
Kathy & Marilyn

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Membership Matters

Marti Martin and Reba Siero

Welcome back to a new year. We hope that all of you will find activities you will enjoy as the year goes on.

Information about our annual opening Fall Brunch meeting is elsewhere in the NEWS. This is a wonderful time to invite people who might be interested in joining AAUW to come and see what we are all about our mission and all of our interest sections as well as have an opportunity to meet some of our members. Please think about inviting someone you think would be a great member. Let Reba or Marti know that they will be coming so we can give them a special welcome.



Speaking of new members, please welcome Georgette Armstrong. She has her BA from UC Berkeley and her Masters from Cal State Hayward. She enjoys reading, hiking, bird watching and travel. Her name and contact information will be in the new directory.

Lynda Smith also joined recently but a little late for the directory. A San Jose State graduate in education, Lynda has an interest in movies as shown by her attendance at Matinee Idle. Please add her contact information to your directory as soon as you receive it.

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We look forward to seeing you at the September brunch and to meeting the potential members that you will be bringing with you.



CONDOLENCES

As friends and members of PH-MTZ AAUW, we share in the good times and the sad times. It is with sincere sympathy we send our thoughts to **Elizabeth DePeitro** on the loss of **her husband, Joe** and to **Bea Ball** on the loss of her **dear companion, George "Budd" Primrose**. Each of these men was an active participant in many of our activities and they will be missed.

Condolences also go to the family and friends of **Erna Long**, a charter member of the Martinez Branch of the AAUW, who died peacefully at her home in Monday, July 25th, at the age of 94. Erna attained her BA in Decorative Arts and teaching credential at the University of California at Berkeley in the early 1940s and taught Home Economics.

POST ON THE REFRIGERATOR:

A notice was sent out earlier regarding Kathy Searles. If you didn't get it, check out:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kathysearles>

You are also invited to

"KATHY'S HAT PARTY"

9/11/2011 at 1:00 PM

hosted by MARY PEREZ & KATHRYN GARMS

Find out the details and View the eVite at:

<http://new.evite.com/services/links/HJIGFW6IF3>

RSVP to Mary Perez twc98perez@aol.com

OR 925-639-5700

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Remember to join us on Sept. 17 to hear more about Interest Sections and the members who participate.



**** MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, September 7th, 10 am, at Susanne Rheingruber's. We will be discussing two books by Jeannette Walls ~ *The Glass Castle* and *Half-Broke Horses*. Both are true stories ~ the first being a memoir and the second a prequel to that memoir. In October we will be reading Helen Simonson's *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*. Please join us for great discussions!



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on TUESDAY, September 13th, 10 am, at Marlene Maksel's. Our first assignment is to write a story in remembrance of the Civil War's 150th anniversary. If you had an ancestor who served in the Civil War, or if you have a Civil War story, please come and share. We like hearing oral versions, too!



**** BRIDGE**

The Grand Slammers

Grand Slammers will play on Monday, September 12 at 12:30. Each player contributes \$2 for scholarship fund. Call Gayle Garrison, 798-7528 or e-mail tarheel61@Yahoo.com if you would like to play. Grand Slammers is open to all members and friends (Note new e-mail address).



**** MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, September 22nd. We usually attend a matinee at a local theatre. 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. REMEMBER, we meet on the 4th Thursday.



**** EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, September 26th, at Linda Robbins, 2442 Lariat Lane in W. C. We will be discussing *Room* by Emma Donahue. If a child is completely isolated for the first 5 years of his life, with only his mother for companionship, what will the results be?? Come for this very interesting discussion. We will probably carpool, so call Marlene Maksel (689-5439), if you're interested.



BOOK EXCHANGE – LAST CALL

This is your Last Chance to join the BOOK EXCHANGE - only an annual opportunity. Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2010 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

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

We have 2 Exchange Groups developing. 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!)

Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.

VOTE AT SEPT. 17 MEETING

2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	
Net dues (75x\$18)	\$ 1,350.00
From Reserves	<u>\$ 970.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,320.00

<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Administration & Office	\$ 120.00
Community/Chamber	\$ 175.00
Directory	\$ 135.00
Hospitality	\$ 100.00
IBC Dues	\$ 40.00
Insurance	\$ 300.00
Membership	\$ 100.00
N.E.W.S.	\$ 150.00
Program	\$ 600.00
Facilities	\$ 500.00
Web Page	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,320.00

Community

In the absence of an Appointed Officer for our Community Area, members have submitted articles for publication. All members should feel welcome to submit articles that they deem appropriate to our Branch and the AAUW mission. Of course, it is always the editor's prerogative to prioritize for space☺ Thank you. Kit

One World/One Community Remembering 9/11



9/11 Ten-Year Commemoration in Pleasant Hill

On **Sunday, September 11, 2011**, the Pleasant Hill community will come together as we join the rest of the nation in commemorating 9-11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. This event will honor those whose lives were lost or forever changed and inspire citizens to create a better community and world.

2-5 p.m. (Service of Remembrance at 2:15)

Frank Salfingere Park (Gazebo Park)

(next to the Community Center)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Formal Ceremony of Remembrance

Adult & children's choirs

Musical performances

Game & entertainment for children & families

Finger Food from local restaurants

Demonstrations by PHPD

Community Service Day Pleasant Hill

City of Pleasant Hill 50th Birthday

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Saturday, September 24, 2011

7:30: Pancake Breakfast

Pleasant Hill Park

Sign up online at

mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us



Baseball with the City of Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Day at the A's -- 50th Anniversary Celebration

Join in a celebration of Pleasant Hill's 50th Anniversary with "Pleasant Hill Day at the A's" on **September 18**. We will all be in lower box seats (regularly \$30 each) to cheer on the A's versus the Detroit Tigers. Tickets are discounted to \$20 for youth 14 years old and younger and \$25 for others. A portion of each ticket purchased goes back to the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation and the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District.

Great seats. Great fun with your Pleasant Hill friends. And the kids get to run the bases after the game! Join us with your family, neighbors or co-workers. Order your tickets before August 29 from Betty Cantrell with the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation at info@PHCommunityFoundation.org or 925-381-3566.



Women Vote in California – 1911

Contra Costa County Historical Society is in the middle of planning activities to honor the centennial.



Nancy Hobert is putting together a float for the Alhambra Homecoming Parade, October 29, honoring the Alhambra Union High School students of 1910, 1911 and 1912 who participated in suffrage plays before the election. Would you like to participate in the observances in some way? Let Nancy know – 228-7271



MORE THINGS AAUW

AAUW – CA

From your AAUW CA Presidents- Judy Pfeil and Gloria Taylor

* **At the last Leadership meeting** held in San Jose, California, our state leaders rolled out a new funding mechanism for the funding of new Programs developed by Branches and IBC. The goal of the funding is to provide monies to be used to start new programs in the various communities served by AAUW CA Branches. Each successful applicant for the mini grant will receive  \$250 towards implementation of a new mission based program.

* **One Member, One Vote report:** 

Goal: To provide every member the opportunity to have both a personal voice in the future of AAUW CA and the right to vote for candidates for statewide leadership positions, resolutions and the Public Policy Program.

* **Connection:**

Be sure to frequently check our wonderful website, aauw-ca.org for updates on the What's New in AAUW California. Right now on the homepage, there is a beautiful illustration on how AAUW CA Board of directors will be working as teams this coming year.

* **SAVE THE DATE:**

October 23 – Bay Area Funds Luncheon

AAUW NATIONAL

LAF EXPRESS (LAF@aauw.org)

***U.S. District Court Says UC Davis Violated Title IX**

In early August, a U.S. District Court delivered a mixed decision in the AAUW-supported case **Mansourian v. Regents** of the University of California. The court found that the University of California, Davis, failed to comply with Title IX during the time that plaintiffs were students and ineffectively accommodated female student athletes by not expanding the athletic program. The judge also ruled, however, that the defendants' actions relating to the wrestling team were meritless, saying that "plaintiffs have not prevailed on any other theories of Title IX liability. Moreover, plaintiffs have not prevailed on their claims for Equal Protection Clause violations against any of the individual defendants."



AAUW applauds the long-awaited partial victory but is also extremely disappointed that the judge did not hold the university officials responsible for the violations and awaits further developments in the case. AAUW provided nearly \$100,000 to the plaintiffs over the last six years. We are proud that many Sacramento-area AAUW members attended the district court trial in June to support the plaintiffs.



***AAUW's Amicus Brief Support Impacts New Case**

Earlier this month the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that San Diego State University had the right to enforce anti-bias rules when deciding whether to recognize religious student groups. This ruling builds upon the 2010 U. S. Supreme Court case *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez* that AAUW supported by signing an amicus brief. AAUW supported the university's policy. The recent 9th Circuit decision shows the long-term impact AAUW can have by signing amicus briefs.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 MORNING  BOOKS 10A	8	9	10
 Kathy's Hat Party PH 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony	11 GRAND SLAMMERS 12:30P 	12 IN INDELIBLE INK 10A	13	14	15	16 17 SOARING WITH AAUW 10AM - 12
18 PH at the Oakland A's	19	20	21	22 *MATINEE IDLE *FESTA TICKET DEALINE	23	24 PH COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY
25	26 EVENING BOOKS	27	28	29	30	

SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 1 – FESTA ITALIANA OCT. 29 – SUFFRAGETTE FLOAT IN ALHAMBRA HS HOMECOMING PARADE
OCT. 23 – BAY AREA AAUW FUNDS LUNCHEON



Pleasant Hill – Martinez Branch
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Martinez 94553

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.

Membership Application
Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

College/university/highest degree:

Interests: _____

Dues: \$49 – National AAUW
 \$16 – State AAUW
 \$18 – PH-Martinez Branch
 Total Cost: **\$83**

Please make check for \$83 payable
to PH AAUW

Mail to:

Marti Martin
1653 Sunhill Court
Martinez, CA 94553

OR

Reba Siero
836 Westview Court
Martinez, CA 94553

Pleasant Hill- Martinez AAUW

American Association
of
University Women



Our Mission:

AAUW promotes
equity for all
women and girls
through advocacy,
education,
philanthropy and
research.

**Pleasant Hill AAUW
P. O. Box 2387
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

Founded in 1881, AAUW is a diverse and active national organization. It is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading advocates for educational equity for women and girls.

AAUW FUNDS:

AAUW raises money for fellowships and career development for women.

AAUW sponsors research and legal advocacy.

If you hold an A.A. or equivalent or higher degree from an accredited college or university, and support our mission of education and equity for women and girls, you can join AAUW.



Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch

- Meets several times a year
- Raises money for AAUW funds
- Sends three or more middle school girls to the Tech Trek Summer Math & Science Program
- Raises money for college scholarships awarded to local women
- Leads the SAM (Student Art & Music) Program at Fair Oaks Elementary School

Interest Sections:

- Books (discussers) -- a morning group & and evening group)
- Nimble Fingers (stitchers)
- Genealogy (researchers)
- In Indelible Ink(writers)
- Bridge (card players)
- Matinee Idle (moviegoers)
- Book Exchange (sharers)
- Something you would like to add

Check out our Websites:

Pleasant Hill- Martinez Branch

www.aauw-ph.org

California State AAUW

www.aauw-ca.org

National AAUW

www.aauw.org





Pleasant Hill Day at the A's 50th Anniversary Celebration Event

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 1:05PM

Post-game Kids Run Around the Bases

Seating Location:

Lower Box

Ticket Price:

\$25 Adults
\$20 Kids 2-14yrs

**Sunday,
Sept. 18, 2011**

1:05pm

A's vs Tigers

HIGHLIGHTS:

- A portion of each ticket purchased goes back to Pleasant Hill Community Foundation and Pleasant Hill Rec & Park District
- \$20 & \$25 discounted Lower Box tickets (reg. \$30)
- Reserved section for Pleasant Hill attendees
- Post-game Kids Run Around the Bases for kids 14 & under

Deadline to purchase tickets:

Monday, August 29

(Make checks payable to "Pleasant Hill Community Foundation")

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF ADULT TICKETS: _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

NUMBER OF CHILD TICKETS: _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

For any questions, please contact **Betty Cantrell** at
(925) 381-3566 or info@PHCommunityFoundation.org

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To purchase tickets, send order form & check to:

PHCF
PO Box 23673
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Save the Date!



Seneca Falls - Celebrating Women's Suffrage

Presented by
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
(Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch)

Contra Costa National Organization for Women

Contra Costa Commission for Women

In honor of the 100th anniversary of California women's suffrage, passage of the 19th amendment, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthday

Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville

Lunch followed by special guest Louise Vance, writer/director/producer of the award-winning documentary "Seneca Falls."

A screening of "Seneca Falls" will be followed by a presentation on Knowing Your History Gives You Courage.

Sponsorship Levels

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Table of Ten: \$500 Susan B. Anthony Table of Eight: \$400

Alice Paul Level: \$100/ticket Lucy Stone Level: \$75/ticket

Individual ticket: \$35 by October 12th; \$45 thereafter

Seating limited to 320. Reservations begin September 25th.

For more information, please call 925.945.1938