

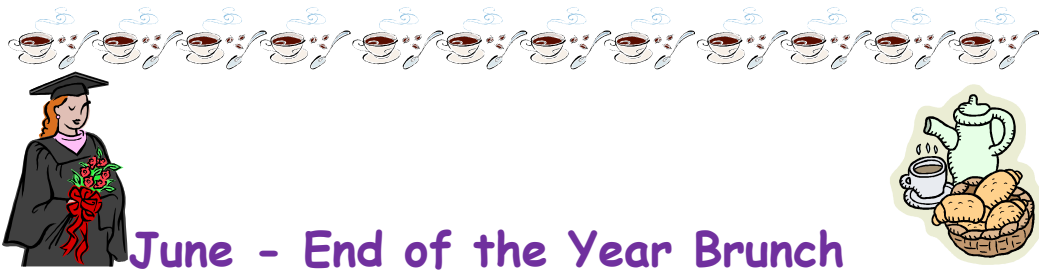


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 Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy,
 education, philanthropy and research

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June Program
Saturday, June 1st, 10:00 - noon
Brookview Clubhouse
1201 Monument Blvd.



June - End of the Year Brunch

Please join us to Honor our Local Scholarship Seniors from Alhambra and College Park High Schools.
 Help us recognize the girls chosen for Tech Trek Camp from our Martinez and Pleasant Hill Middle Schools.

Meet **Sophie Matson**, a previous Tech Trek camper, who will share her experience and how it has impacted her life. Sophie graduated with a B.S. in Environmental Science from U.C. Santa Cruz and now is working for the Sierra Club in San Francisco.

We will present the Barbara Newacheck award and install our new Branch officers for 2013-2014.

See you there!



Sherrie Moore and Shelley Jacobson, Program VPs



Il Messaggero

Co-Presidents Marilyn Thelen & Janice Walker

Our April general meeting was another entertaining evening coordinated by our Program VP's Shelley Jacobson and Sherrie Moore. Members and friends gathered to hear Joan Morris of the Contra Costa Times relate her experiences as a master gardener and journalist. Appreciation is extended to Shelley and Sherrie as well as our hospitality chair, Laurel Gaiser, and her committee of Bea Ball, Joy Barden, Claudia Bass and Marie Smithousen for the goodies they provided.

Have you cast your vote? There are two opportunities currently to do so. **Voting for the 2013 AAUW national election is now underway and will continue until June 10.** The ballot includes candidates for executive positions, an amendment to the Bylaws and proposed changes to AAUW's Public Policy Program. By now you should have received an email detailing the procedure for voting online that included your member ID and voter PIN. This information can also be found on the back cover of your current *Outlook* magazine or you can go online to www.aauw.org for information. If you prefer a paper ballot one can be requested by calling 800-326-2289.

Your second voting opportunity is for AAUW CA which began April 21 and continues for three weeks, concluding May 11. As outlined in last month's newsletter, AAUW CA members are voting for changes that are needed to secure our budget: a \$4 dues increase and a reduction of state directors.

Please show your support for AAUW's "One Member One Vote" election program and cast your ballot in both the state and national elections.

On June 1st we'll be having our final get together for this AAUW year. We hope you will be in attendance as we honor tech trek and local scholarship recipients as well as our departing and incoming officers and name grant honorees. The front of this newsletter has all the details. Do plan to join us!

This is our last "Il Messaggero" as we complete our current term as your Co-Presidents. It's been a fantastic year with very successful meetings, luncheons, social functions and community involvement. It's also been a very generous year made possible by all of you, enabling our branch to continue its tradition of supporting young women through our tech trek and local scholarship funds as well as our commitment to AAUW Funds. No one or two people could have accomplished all that has been done this year. It was a team effort and each member of our

executive team: Elena Noble, Reba Siero, our Membership VP's; Marlene De Laurenti, Pat Harris, Alana Macdonald, our AAUW Funds VP's; Joy Barden, our Secretary; Jill Anderson, our Treasurer; and Shelley and Sherrie, our above mentioned Program VP's, as well as our extended Board members and all of you, our membership, helped us make the achievement of the goals possible. So for all your support, through time given, donations offered or kind words said, **we thank you!**

Marilyn & Janice

BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013
ROLLING GREEN CLUBHOUSE
7PM

Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Check out the pictures from our SAM (Student Art and Music) Program. Students in kindergarten thru 5th grade at Fair Oaks Elementary made art sculptures using clay. And enjoy the photos from our entertaining and educational April speaker, Joan Morris.

See our new AAUW National logo on our website with our branch name. Did you know that you can find all of the past Presidents from our combined Martinez and Pleasant Hill Branch on our website? Go to the About Us Page and click on the Pleasant Hill and Martinez Past Presidents button.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the About Us page.



VOTE ONLINE NOW

AAUW National Election April 15-June 10
See your Outlook Magazine or One Member, One Vote at aauw.org

AAUW-CA APRIL 21-May 11
Dues increase; Fewer state directors

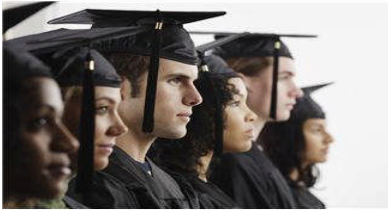


Membership Matters

Reba Siero and Elena Noble VPs

So....

GIVE-A-GRAD-A-GIFT!



As of this month our **Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch** membership count is **115**. We welcome our two newest members:

Barbara Chambers

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Barbara earned a BS in Business Administration and Economics from St. Mary's College. Her interests are reading and bocce ball.

Fredette Pardini

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Fredette has a BA in Education from San Jose State. She interests are to learn bridge and enjoy Matinee Idle.

You will be happy to know **AAUW California** garnered the top recruitment number of **196 new members** to add to the **national numbers of 12,131**. It is good to see how branches at the local level are a part of a trend to build our membership and our voice.

An easy way to add to the recruitment tally is to give a **free** membership to a graduate. Just this last week I gave three graduates the gift of AAUW membership. All three are thrilled to be a part of a national and state organization run by women.

Simply log onto:

www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/

You will need the Grad's address and email to sign them up as well as your AAUW membership number. You can find your number next to your name on your OUTLOOK Magazine or you can look up your number by clicking the Login tab at:

www.aauw.org

then click the "Forgot AAUW Member ID?" link and enter the requested info.

Happy Recruiting!!

SUNSHINE

Our sympathy to Elizabeth DiPietro. Her sister, who lived in Florida, passed away. Elizabeth will be going to Florida for memorial Mass.

If you know of any member who needs a card, please give me a call.....Gayle Garrison 798-7528

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Marilyn Tubbs and Elena Noble

One year ago last May, Marilyn Tubbs and I heard about a \$tart \$mart Facilitator Training at Cal State East Bay. Along with AAUW Members from Concord, San Jose and Oakland, we sat in on the three hour class and then stayed on to be trained as AAUW Facilitators for the program. Since that time, we have hooked up with members from the **Inter- Branch Council**, namely **Elaine Groen, Deana Vick Davidson, Jean Simutis, and Marie Bonilla**, and proceeded to use our newly acquired skills to reach out to local colleges and offer SALARY NEGOTIATION SKILLS to women graduates. This year we were successful in bringing The **Equal Pay for Equal Work** message to several schools both in our area and in Northern California. The schools include **Saint Mary's College, The California Maritime Academy, Cal State East Bay and Cal State Humboldt**. In the fall we hope to continue the progress with Cal Berkeley, Mills College, San Jose State, and Chico State, just to name a few.

The success belongs to many women who took the time to, (as **FACEBOOK CEO Sheryl Sandburg** says, "**LEAN IN**") share specific skills with women who will enter the workforce in the near future. **WAGE Project Pioneer Evelyn Murphy** and **National Director Annie Houle** have worked tirelessly, traveling back and forth across the country to train students, College Staff and AAUW Members in the art of Salary Negotiation. In addition, **Dorrie Sieburg**, who is the office manager of **The WAGE Project in North Carolina**, deserves a huge Thank you and Well done for connecting the callers from around the country with the trained Facilitators in their local areas. The coordination required a tremendous effort which they accomplished with grit and grace. As a new comer to this project there is one more person I really want to thank for encouraging me to take the leap and work on this effort. That person is our own **Marilyn Tubbs**.

Marilyn was always there encouraging and happy to be a part of working for her community and getting the rest of us to follow her example. Her positive attitude, high energy and can do spirit will always be the shining example of AAUW Membership.

So thank you Marilyn for, as they say, "**Paying it forward**". You did and always will make a difference in so many lives.


PLAYING GAMES FOR LAF



Pleasant Hill-Martinez is hosting an afternoon of

Bridge, Mexican Train and Mah Jong



(Mah Jong is new.  One table will be set up for the first 4 players who call.)

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

12:30-4:00

Brookview Clubhouse

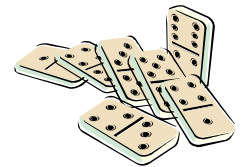
\$10 will be collected to benefit the
AAUW FUNDS (LAF)

Not a game player? You are welcome to come socialize have dessert!

Call or e-mail Pat Harris to reserve your spot!

228-6263 or patriciaharris4@mac.com

Open to members and non-members alike.



and

A Story that Bears Repeating

Gretel Holit has shared a story of Jimmy Carter that she finds to be a very powerful message. Please copy and paste the web address for a very important message.

<http://www.womenspress-slo.org/?p=11440>

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

(Remember, this is a 2 month N.E.W.S. Check each section for May & June activities)



****BRIDGE**



Middle of the Road Bridge

We are not beginners anymore! If you are not a beginner or an expert this is the group for you.

We meet at various members' homes on the second Friday of the month. We will play **May 10th** at Sandy Wolf's home at **12:30**. Call or email Joy Barden to rsvp.



****MORNING BOOKS**

will meet on Wednesday, **May 1st, 10 am**, at Sherrie Moore's. We will be discussing *The Art of Fielding*, by Chad Harbach. This book has received high praise for a debut novel ~ it does involve baseball, but much more, too. Please join us for great discussions!

JUNE – We'll meet on **Wednesday, June 5, 11:30 am**, at Sandy Wolfe's for our annual potluck luncheon. We will not be discussing a book, but we might have a quiz. We will have sign-ups at our May meeting, but PLEASE let Sandy know you are attending if you miss the May meeting.



**** WALKING WOMEN**

will be walking on **May 14th and 28th** ~Tuesday mornings at **9 am**. On the 14th, we will meet at Hillcrest Center and repeat our walk north on the Canal Trail. On the 28th, we will repeat our walk going south on the Canal Trail ~ meeting at Hillcrest Center. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel, if you are planning to be there so we won't go off without you!!!

JUNE – we will try to continue through the summer. We will walk at **9 am on Tuesdays June 11th and June 25th**. Please call, or email, Marlene for location ~ and ideas for a nice walk on a summer morning!



**** MATINEE IDLE**

will go to the movies on **Thursday, May 23rd**. We usually attend a matinee at a local theatre. Call Marlene (689-5439), if you are planning to attend, or if you have any suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.

JUNE – We will go to the movies on **Thursday, June 27th**. As usual, we will pick a matinee at a local theatre. Call, or email, Marlene if you have any suggestions for a good movie.



**** CULTURAL CONNECTION**

is combining with LUNCHIN' LADIES on **Wednesday, May 15th**. See article below. A couple of proposed tours have been cancelled in the past 3 months, so if you are really interested in these sections, PLEASE let me know ~ maybe a different day of the week would be better?? Marlene at 689-5439 or marlene@maksiel.us
We will not meet in June.



**** LUNCHIN' LADIES**

is combining with CULTURAL CONNECTION for a trip to Napa to see the Hess Collection at the Hess Winery. Then, we will have lunch ~ perhaps at Don Giovanni's. The date will be **Wednesday, May 15th**. Please call, or email, Marlene before the 12th so reservations can be made at the restaurant. **We will not meet in June.**



**** IN INDELIBLE INK**

will meet on **Wednesday, May 8, 10 am**, at Ginny Hargraves's. Our topic will be "Things We Can (or Cannot) Live Without." We would welcome a fictional event on the topic! And, we would love to hear YOUR story ~ oral versions, too! We don't critique your writings, so there is no pressure. Please come! Ill is leading other Interest Sections in eliminating FOOD at our meetings ~ just a little coffee and tea. **We will not meet in June.**



**** EVENING BOOKS**

will meet on **Monday, June 3rd, 6 pm**, at a restaurant ~ location decided later. Our normal meeting date in May falls on Memorial Day, so we are advancing one week. This will be our last meeting of the year and, as usual, we will have dinner out. Our book to discuss is *To Marry an English Lord* by Gail MacColl and Carol McD. Wallace. Be sure to let Marlene know if you are planning to attend, so restaurant reservations can be made ~ before Friday, May 31st. **This will be our only meeting in June.**



**** BOOK EXCHANGE- 1ST CALL**

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2013 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.

There have been 2 to 3 Exchange Groups for the past few years. 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.

Community

Pleasant Hill

Marlene Maksel

E-Waste Recycling Event



Saturday, May 4th, 9 am to 1 pm

Saturday, June 1st, 9 am to 1 pm
DVC on Golf Club Road in P. H.

Farmer's Market



Every Saturday beginning **May 4th**, 9 am to 1 pm
Crescent Drive at Downtown Plaza

Volunteers Needed

Bike to Work Day

Thursday, May 9th



Volunteers are needed to staff the Energizer Stations. Email lgee@511contracosta.org for info.

Planning Ahead:

Blues and Brews



Saturday, July 27th,

12 noon to 6 pm
Pleasant Hill Park



Martinez

Harriett Burt

May 4 – Downtown Martinez Wine Stroll. Contact Main Street Martinez for more information.

May 4 – National Park Service free Campfire Program at the John Muir National Historic Site at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.nps.gov/jomu Or call 925-228-8860.

May 4 and 5 – Annual Martinez Arts Association Open Studios. Visit artists in their studios from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For maps and more information, contact www.MartinezOpenStudios.org or email info@MartinezOpenStudios.org

May 10 – 34th annual Wine Tasting benefiting the Martinez Early Childhood Center. 5:00 to 8 p.m. at the Martinez Event Center, 524 Main Street. For tickets contact gaygerlack@aol.com or call 925-229-2000.

May 17 -18 – Martinez Kiwanis Club Rummage Sale at the Kiwanis Clubhouse, 750 Allen Street each day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 18 – Peddlers Faire in downtown Martinez from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wide variety of antiques and collectables from all over northern California

May 18 – Friends of the Martinez Library book sale beginning at 10 a.m. for FOML members and 11 a.m. for the public at the Library, 740 Court Street.

May 25 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Andrea Blachman tells the History of the Martinez Library at the quarterly Martinez Historical Society meeting. At the Martinez Veterans Memorial Hall. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

June 1 – Boys and Girls Club of Diablo Valley 28th annual Auction and Dinner. For more information call the Boys and Girls Club at 925-228-3896 or go to www.bgcdv.org.

June 8 – Celebrate World Wide Knit Day – 2 p.m. on June 8. All knitters welcome to knit and crochet together on current or new projects. Many items for sale with proceeds benefiting the Senior Center and the Friends of the Library. For more information, phone 646-9920. Presented by the Friends of the Martinez Library

June 11 – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Martinez photography educator Jerry Ott (www.darkroomz.com) will give tips about how to take great summer digital photographs using your own equipment. Adults and teens are invited to practice their photography skills on the stuffed animal subjects who will be visiting the Martinez Library for the Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Midnight Feast. Enter your pictures in our photography contest and win a gift certificate to a local restaurant. For additional information call 646-9920. Sponsored by Friends of the Martinez Library.

June 15-16 – annual Martinez Chamber of Commerce King of the County BBQ at Waterfront Park – 2 days of great music, great barbeque, lots of booths, rides and games for kids! For more information go to www.martinezchamber.org or call 925-228-2456.

June 22 – Vintage Fashion Show and Luncheon benefiting the Central County Homeless Outreach – for information or reservations contact Gay Gerlack at ggerlack@aol.com

June 23 – 25th anniversary of the Main Street Farmers' Market will be celebrated from 10 a.m. to 2p.m.

June 30 – Loaves & Fishes Summer Garden Party "Food for Thought" celebrating 30 years of service in Contra Costa County. At the Hacienda De Las Flores in Moraga – Food, Wine, Music and Auction. Register online at www.loavesfishescc.org.

AAUW MISSION & ACTION EXCERPTS

Do you receive it? A monthly bulletin that brings AAUW news and updates directly to your e-mail box. Notify your membership VPs if you are not receiving this important membership benefit.

AAUW Voting Is Open Now!

Make your voice heard by voting on AAUW's leadership, Public Policy Program, and bylaws. [Vote online](#) now through June 10. For more information, reference the voter guide in your



Spring/Summer issue of *Outlook* magazine or the e-mail that you received last week. You will also find [an instructional video](#) and FAQs [online](#). E-mail connect@aauw.org with any further questions.

Calling All AAUW Artists and Authors

Share your talents with fellow members at the Artists and Authors Corner at the [AAUW National Convention](#) this June. We have a special area set aside in the French Quarter Marketplace where you can sell your works. [Find out more details](#) or e-mail marketing@aauw.org with any questions. Hope to see you (and the fruit of your endeavors!) at convention.

Make the Most of the Congressional Recess

Your elected officials are in their home districts April 29–May 3. This is the perfect time to meet with them and discuss AAUW issues. AAUW has a guide on [how to schedule and prepare for a meeting with your elected officials](#). Request a meeting with your members of Congress and contact advocacy@aauw.org for other assistance in preparing for the visit!

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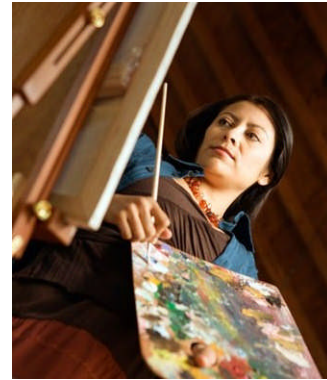
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Join us for Concord's First

Art and Wine Walk

Saturday, May 11, 2013, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Participants will stroll around Todos Santos Plaza and Salvio Square while enjoying fine wines, viewing beautiful art, and meeting local artists.

Tickets are \$15 per person; participants must be 21 or older. Tickets will be available through May 10 at <http://concord-ca.aauw.net>. Final details, including the starting point, will also be posted on that site. All attendees must begin at the starting location to receive a wine glass, wristband, & map of participating locations. For questions call (925) 363-4438.

The Art and Wine Walk will be happening concurrently with the high school jazz band performances taking place on the Todos Santos stage.

Event Sponsored By the Concord Branch of AAUW. Proceeds will be used to send local 7th grade girls to Tech Trek Math and Science Camp.



<http://concord-ca.aauw.net>

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Morning Books	2	3	4 Mtz. Wine Stroll PH Farmers' Market Begins
5 Mtz. Arts Assoc. Open Studios	6	7	8  In Indelible Ink **BOARD MEETING	9	10  Middle of the Road Bridge	11  AAUW -CA Voting Ends
12	13	14  Walking Women	15  Cultural/Lunchin'	16	17	18 Mtz. Peddlers' Faire
19	20	21	22	23  Matinee Idle	24	25
26	27	28  Walking Women	29 Games for LAF 	30	31	

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <u>END OF YEAR</u> <u>BRUNCH</u> 
2	3  Evening Books	4	5 Morning Books 	6	7	8 Mtz. Celebrates world Knit Day
9	10  AAUW National Voting Ends	11  Walking Women	12	13	14	15 King of the County BBQ- Waterfront Park, Mtz.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Mtz. Main St. Farmers' Market Celebrates 25 th Anniversary	24	25	26	27  Matinee Idle	28	29
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