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

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SEPTEMBER WELCOME BRUNCH

Saturday, Sept. 7th

10:00am to 12:00

Marilyn Thelen's Home

5318 Stonehurst Dr.

Martinez, CA

925-228-2600

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME

Highway 4 to Alhambra Exit. Go south on Alhambra Ave., turn right on Alhambra Valley Rd., and continue until you reach VACA Creek Rd. (9/10 of a mile) Turn right on Vaca Creek Rd, and go 100 yards bearing left to Stonehurst Dr. Continue for 2/10 mile, 5318 is on your right .

- Listen to Tech Trekkers talk about camp
- Make new friends and greet the old
- Check out the Interest Section offerings
- Raffle for Tech Trek
- Pick up your 2013-2014 Directory
- Bring a friend/prospective member

RSVP: Gayle Miner (925) 349-6795 gayle.miner@yahoo.com

NO LATER THAN SEPT. 4





Presidential Postings

Co-Presidents Kit Hein & Janice Walker

How quickly the summer comes to a close and fall begins. It was an event filled summer for most of us, culminating in the fabulous Summer Social for AAUW. Thank you so much to Muriel and Roger Fry and Susanne and Herb Rheingruber for a spectacular event. We also sent four members of our branch board to the IBC Leadership Training. These members will, no doubt, use what they learned to enhance your experience with AAUW. Ours is an organization that builds leaders both within AAUW and outside. Check out the results of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders <http://www.nccwsl.org/> and you can share the pride of being a part of this movement.

But there is always a little fly in the ointment. Our board has two vacant positions that we are looking to fill. Public Policy is an Appointed Officer position responsible for informing the membership of issues that fall under the AAUW Public Policy Guidelines – and encouraging action on items by speaking out and communicating with elected officials. At the very least we should all have AAUW ActionFund <http://www.aauwaction.org/> bookmarked on our computers. And becoming a Two Minute Activist is the easiest way ever to speak out. Closer to home is the position of the Conference & Convention Appointed Position. Raise money to help send our members to the important events that the State and National organizations hold for us to develop into strong bearers of the AAUW mission “advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

Although not an elected or appointed position, the chair of our winter social is also an important job that remains unfilled. The date and location are already set. Many of you have enjoyed the events in the past and now might be the right time for you and a friend to step up to volunteer to chair the event. No chair, no winter social ☹️

Although many of us are retired now, even those who are still working can feel the increase in activities that comes with fall. Whether it’s the Brunch on Sept. 7 (remember, this is a change from the original date) or the Festa on Sept. 28, we hope that you will each consider spending some time (and a little money 😊) with AAUW. See you soon.

Kit and Janice

BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11, 2013
Janice Walker’s Home
7PM

Proposed Budget 2013 – 2014

Co-Treasurers Jennifer Apkarian & Kathy Heath

The following budget was accepted by the Board to be voted on for final approval by the General Membership at the Sept. meeting.

<u>Receipts</u>		
<u>Dues</u>		\$ 8,300.00
Branch (100 members x \$18/member)	\$1,800.00	
National (100 members x \$49/member)	\$4,900.00	
State (100 members x \$16/member)	\$1,600.00	
		Total Receipts = \$ 8,300.00
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Directory		\$ 175.00
<u>Dues</u>		\$ 6,500.00
National (100 members x \$49/member)	\$4,900.00	
State (100 members x \$16/member)	\$1,600.00	
Hospitality (coffee, tea, etc.)		\$ 65.00
IBC (Interbranch Council) - Annual dues		\$ 50.00
Insurance – Annual		\$ 360.00
Membership		\$ 100.00
N.E.W.S. (Newsletter)		\$ 50.00
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		\$ 150.00
Parliamentarian	\$50.00	
Sunshine Fund	\$20.00	
Website	\$80.00	
Program – Decorations, Facilities, Speakers, etc.		\$ 850.00
		Total Disbursements = \$ 8,300.00

DO YOU READ YOUR N.E.W.S.???

Somewhere in the body of this issue, you will find your initials (first and last). You will have to look closely to find it. If you are the one whose initials are buried in this issue, and you find them, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Starbucks! So, start reading from the front to the back ~ very carefully!

Membership Matters

Membership VP Gayle Miner

A warm welcome to new member Marie Cattalini who joined PHMAAUW in July. Marie holds a BSN from Marquette University and is interested in Cultural Connection, Lunching Ladies, Middle of the Roaders Bridge, and Matinee Idle.

REMINDER

Dues are now past due, we only have 12 more members who need to renew for 2013-2014. If you are one of those people, please contact Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795 or gayle.miner@yahoo.com. A huge thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership.

WELCOME BRUNCH

Don't forget to make your reservation for our annual **Welcome Brunch on September 7** from 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon at Marilyn Thelen's home. Reconnect with friends and hear from our Tech Trek students as they share their experiences. Reservations can be made by contacting Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795 or gayle.miner@yahoo.com. See the first page of this issue of our newsletter. Try to bring a friend who might be interested in joining our branch of AAUW so they can learn what we are all about.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1888, when AAUW awarded its first Fellowship, nearly \$100 million (yes, MILLION) in fellowships, grants and other awards have been given to 12,000 recipients in more than 130 countries.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR PH-MTZ AAUW

Saturday Sept. 28th 3:00-7:00 PM

Fiesta Italiana

Viano Winery

150 Morello Ave,
Martinez, Ca



Wed. Oct 16th 6:00- 8:00 PM

Galindo House/ Tour and Meeting

1721 Amador Ave.,
Concord, Ca.



Thur. Nov. 20th 7:00-9:00 PM (Tentative)

State Assemblywoman, Susan Bonilla

Location to be announced...

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Do you or a friend have a business that you would like to advertise to over 100 families in our area? Why not use the *PH-MTZ NEWS* as a way to get your message out AND help defray the cost of producing the *N.E.W.S.*?

The cost is a mere \$50 for a business card size ad that will run in 10 issues.

Contact Kit Hein (kjhein@comcast.net) for more information.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**BRIDGE



GRAND SLAMMERS BRIDGE

Sept. 9, 2013, 12:30 pm, Marlene DeLaurenti's house. Call or e-mail if you would like to join us.
934-4171 mdl@astound.net
\$3.00 donation, Local Scholarships



**MORNING BOOKS will meet on

Wednesday, September 4th, 10 am, at Margi Alkire's. We will be discussing *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. This book is about a girl who uses flowers and their meaning to connect to the world. In October we will be discussing P.D. James *Death Comes to Pemberley*. Please join us for great discussions!



** WALKING WOMEN will be walking on

September 10th and 24th ~Tuesday mornings at 9 am. On the 10th, we will meet at Hillcrest Center and repeat our walk north on the Canal Trail. On the 24th, 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!!!



** MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies

on **Thursday, September 26th**. 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.



** CULTURAL CONNECTION will NOT

meet in September. In October we might try a free noon piano concert in Berkeley on the UCB campus, followed by lunch at the Freehouse Restaurant. All easy walking by BART and bus. Please let me know of your interest! Call 689-5439 or email Marlene.



**** LUNCHIN' LADIES** will try lunch on **Tuesday, 16 September, 1 pm**, at Rustic Tavern in Lafayette, 3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd. It got a good review in the Times, so we'll check it out. Please let Marlene know if you are going to attend, so reservations can be made ~ marlene@maksel.us



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday, September 11, 10 am**, at Marlene Maksel's. Our topic will be "Why I Attend In Indelible Ink." We 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! I'll be leading other Interest Sections in eliminating FOOD at our meetings ~ just a little coffee and tea.



**** EVENING BOOKS** will meet on **Monday, September 23rd, 7 pm**, at Linda Robbins, 2442 Lariat Lane, W. C. (We will carpool). Our book for discussion is *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson. The story is about an orphan raised in a state orphanage in North Korea ~ and his subsequent trip to the U. S. In October, our book will be *The Black Count* by Tom Reiss.



** BOOK EXCHANGE- LAST CALL

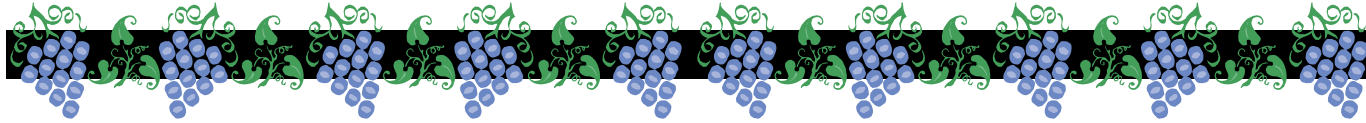
Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2013 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

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 or Email mkhbibliophile@aol.com with your selected title and author PRIOR to purchasing your book. **DEADLINE** for your place in the Exchanges is Friday, September 20th. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1920 AAUW raised money to purchase one gram of radium for Nobel laureate Marie Curie, in support of her research on radium. The leftover funds now go toward an endowment that launches the Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship.



Festa Italiana

Saturday, September 28th

Silent Auction

3:30 - 6:30 pm

Viano Winery

150 Morello Avenue, Martinez

Wine Tasting 3:30 - 4:30

Italian Supper 4:30 - 6:30

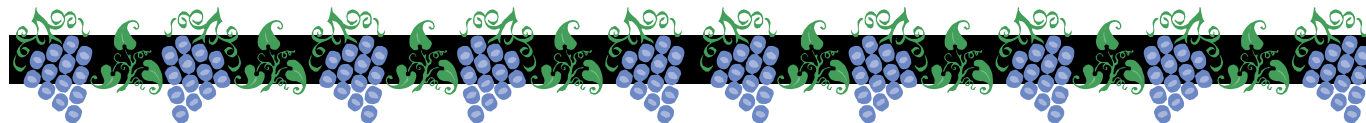
Donation \$35

*A benefit for
Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW
providing scholarships
for women*

*Please call for tickets before
September 21st*

Joy Barden 935-7118

Marilyn Thelen 228-2600



TECH TREK

Appointed Position: Trinka March
Article by Sherrie Moore

Raffle to Support Tech Trek at September Brunch



Help us support Tech Trek at the September Brunch. You can purchase tickets at the Brunch to win something handmade by one of our members. We will have quilts, a woven shawl, beaded bracelets, a quilted table runner, crocheted doily, a painting and a professional photograph, along with specialty baskets. Tickets are 5 for \$10 or 15 for \$20. We hope to raise money for this cause dear to our hearts. Please participate, and you may go home with a treasure.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Excerpts from the Contra Costa Times Article)

“This year’s recipients of Pleasant Hill/Martinez AAUW Scholarships are Laura Lejano and Bach Vo from Alhambra High School. College Park High School recipients are Kelsey Hults and Taylor Williams.

Laura is off to UCLA and will pursue a major in Chemical Engineering. Bach will attend UC Santa Cruz and is interested in Child Psychology. Kelsey will attend UC Davis and her proposed field of study is Biological Sciences. Taylor is headed to UC San Diego and has an interest in Electrical Engineering...”



A DELIGHTFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Tea time is traditionally a delicious and relaxing time. I hope yours was just such an event this year. For the Local Scholarship Committee it was a wonderful success. The treats just kept coming and coming. One was served as late as the end of June!!

Your generous responses to the TEA LETTER began to arrive as early as late January and continued to arrive until the end of June. Amazing! The Scholarship Committee awarded four \$1000.00 scholarships to 4 very deserving high school girls. You made it possible and the Committee is most appreciative. This Branch of AAUW is unbelievably supportive of these awards and we hope that your interest in helping these young women continues. Thank you all very much for your attendance at this very important TEA TIME.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1945 an AAUW Achievement Award was presented to Rachel Carson. She used the funds to further her study in the field of environmental science and biology. Out of that came her book, *Silent Spring*.



Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW



Website

Webmaster Sherrie Moore



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill- Martinez branch. Look on the Photos Page for pictures from our recent Summer Social. Find upcoming events on the Program Page. Would you like to join one of our monthly branch activities? Check out the many possibilities on the Interest Groups page.

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.



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME

FOOTBALL?



For many years the Concord Branch of AAUW has sponsored a beer booth at the 49ers' games. Members work the booth from the first through the third quarter and receive a percentage of the proceeds as well as all of the tips. It can work out to be \$110-\$150/ person/game, all donated to the AAUW fund of the worker's choosing. It's a long day, but fun to work with some amazing people. If this opportunity interests you, contact Kit Hein (228-7503) or kjhein@comcast.net and I will give you the details.

COMMUNITY

Diane Peterson

(In the interest of brevity and space, the editor has chosen to highlight 1 special event for each city (on the same day so check out both and then head for the Festa to relax, eat and be merry) Other events have only dates and times. Be sure to consult your professional media, CCTimes, Martinez Gazette, Community Focus, etc., for detailed info.)

PLEASANT HILL

1 Sunday Sunset Concert by the Lake, 6-8 PM, FREE, at the P. H. City Hall
9, 16, 23 (and Oct. 7 & 14), CERT (Community



Emergency Response Team) 3 hr. training classes

19 Thurs., Free Plaza Concert, 6:30–8:30 PM,

27 Fri., P.H. Senior Center’s Anniversary BBQ,

28 Sat., Community Service Day, Free pancake breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 am



Every Saturday – Farmer’s Market, 9 am – 1 PM at Crescent Drive, Downtown Plaza

MARTINEZ

1 & 2 (& Aug. 31st) Family Fest at Waterfront Park
Sat., 17th Annual Madness on Main Street, 10 am – 3 PM, over 200 cool cars, trucks & bikes, live music all day, Elvis impersonator at 1 PM.



14 Martinez Historical Society Meeting/Program

19 Thurs., Full Moon Walk on Mt. Wanda, 6:45 PM

26 Conference of CA Historical Societies Martinez Workshop

27 Downtown Ghost Walk, 8 – 9:30 PM



28 Martinis on the Plaza Gala, 6:30 – 10 PM

<http://www.martinezmartini.com/>

28, 29 Sat. & Sun., 10th Annual Italian Street Painting Festival

www.mainstreetmartinez.org

Every Thurs., Farmer’s Market, 10 am – 2 PM, Court Street between Escobar & Main.

Every Sun., Farmer’s Market 10 am – 2 PM, on Main Street between Estudillo and Castro



DON'T MISS THIS!

Do you like gardening? Crafts? Painting? Helping at a school? Are you a “handyperson”? Then sign up to volunteer at the 9th Annual Community



Service Day in Pleasant Hill. The date is **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th**. The day begins with a FREE pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 9 am. There will be FREE t-shirts for the first 600 volunteers! Sign up on line at

<http://pleasanthill.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

Organized by the P. H. Civic Action Commission. For more information contact Martin Nelis at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us

ITALIAN STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL

The Martinez Italian Street Painting Festival will celebrate its 10th year in downtown Martinez on **September 28 and 29, 10am to 5pm both days.**

Featuring:

Chalk Artists at Main St. Plaza
Arts & Crafts Vendors
Italian Entertainment
Beer & Wine

Play Bocce on our outdoor court on Main St!



Amateur and professional artists will be creating their chalk art in the plaza area between Starbuck's and Bank of America. This 400 year old Italian tradition will be the highlight of the festival. Artists will begin on Saturday at 10:00am and continue throughout the weekend.

Inspired by the art? You will be able to create your own masterpiece on a 2'x2' square on for \$10.00 and the box of chalk is yours to keep.

Start Smart 2013-2014



Elena Noble: Nor Cal Regional Field Mgr \$\$
This summer, while attending the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans, I had the opportunity to meet with AAUW Members who have been giving Start Smart classes across the country. As of July, 2013, AAUW Members have provided classes in 47 states. It is through our partnership with the **WAGE Project** that **AAUW** continues to be the voice carrying the message of Equal Pay for Equal Work.



This fall begins the second season in which AAUW members from our area will be working to continue offering Start Smart Workshops to our local colleges. AAUW Inter-Branch-Council Members from Pleasant Hill/Martinez, Concord, and Orinda/Moraga/Lafayette have received facilitator training through the WAGE Project and are ready to co-partner with our local universities in delivering wage negotiation skill to young women, (and men) entering the job market. We are looking to continue our relationship with Saint Mary's College, Cal State East Bay, and the Maritime Academy. We are also looking to build a network with Diablo Valley and Los Medanos, and Contra Costa Jr. Colleges as well. If you are interested in becoming a facilitator, or have a connection at one of the local schools of Higher Education in our area, please contact me at enoble4@astound.net . If your initials are "BD", you have won a \$5 gift certificate to Starbucks for reading this far in the NEWS:) Congratulations!

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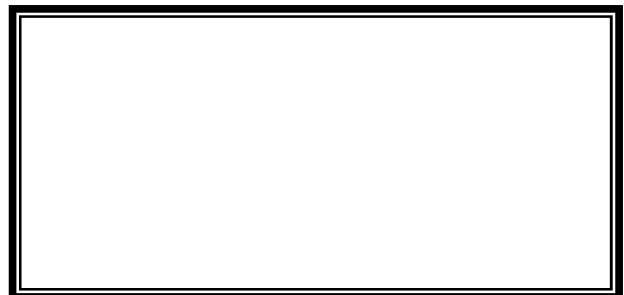
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September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MTZ Family Fest Waterfront Park PH Concert by the Lake	2	3	4  Morning Books Brunch Deadline	5 MTS Farmers' Market (every Thurs 10am- 2pm)	6	7 WELCOME BRUNCH
8 MTZ Farmers' Market (every Sun 10am-2pm)	9  Grand Slammers	10  Walking Women	11  In Indelible Ink	12	13	14 PH Farmers' Market (every Sat. 9am-1pm)
15	16  Lunchin' Ladies	17	18	19	20  Book Exchange Deadline	21
22	23  Evening Books	24  Walking Women	25	26  Matinee Idle	27	28  FESTA
29	30					

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 16 – Galindo House; Nov. 20 – Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla