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BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL

AAUW Summer Social

Saturday, August 16, 2014

5:30pm - ?

Tavern on the Green

At

Pine Meadow Golf Course

451 Vine Hill Way

Martinez



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\$20 per person

RSVP DEADLINE: AUGUST 10



Bring a guest. Enjoy the company, live bluegrass music, and maybe even a round of golf. See article inside this N.E.W.S. for more information.

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Or call: 228-7503





Presidential Postings

Co-Presidents Katrinka March & Gayle Miner

We are a week away from the AAUW leadership conference and the gavel has been passed to us from two very fine leaders: Kit and Janice. Thanks for a wonderful, productive year and we are looking forward to see what the coming year will bring.

Thank you to all who accepted positions for the new year- we know we have a great crew on board: from our experienced members who agreed to the second term of office to those who are willing to step outside their comfort zone and try something new!

Over the next two months the committees will be planning programs and events for us all to learn new things, enjoy each other's company and raise some funds so we can continue to support AAUW's goals of supporting education for women and girls.

Our scholarship winners are preparing for college and our Tech Trek girls are diving into an exciting week of science camp. Don't you feel great about supporting these amazing young women?

We look forward to working with you this year! Please join us all for the summer social on August 16th.

Trinka and Gayle

**AUGUST BOARD MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, AUG 13, 2014**

7 PM

Home of Trinka March

**Copy deadline for Sept, 2014 N.E.W.S. is
Aug. 15.** Please email copy to

Reba Siero rebasiero@yahoo.com

MORE SUMMER SOCIAL INFO

➤ The theme this year, "Be True to Your School" is to reflect our common connection. Please share memorabilia from your college or university for our

decorations. We will treat them gently 

➤ A planning meeting will be held July 15 at 12 noon at the golf course. They serve inexpensive "bar food" (hotdogs, etc.)

➤ Want to play golf before dinner? They will reserve tee times for us but you **MUST** contact Kit ASAP. This is JUST

FOR FUN.  Best ball to speed us along.

➤ Questions, suggestions, pick up memorabilia: Call Kit 228-7503(h) or 305-6301(c)

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Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW

2014-2015 Executive Board Officers

From left: Co- Presidents Trinka March & Gayle Miner; Co-Funds VPs Laurel Gaiser & Marlene Maksiel; Secretary Helen Periera; Co-Membership VPs Alana Macdonald & Claudia Bass; Co-Treasurers Jennifer Appkarian & Kathy Heath. Missing: Co-Program VPs Harriett Burt & SaraJoy Haynes.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Remember, this is a 2 month edition of the N.E.W.S.
Interest groups are listed accordingly.



**** MORNING BOOKS** will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3rd, 10 am, at Joan Foster's. We will be discussing *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Please plan now to join us for a great discussion in September.



**** EVENING BOOKS** will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 22nd, 7 pm, at Marge Munger's. We will be discussing *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.



**** WALKING WOMEN** will try to continue walking during part of the summer months. We normally go on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9 am. So, save July 22nd and in August, the 12th and 26th. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksiel for the location and if you are planning to walk. We wouldn't want to go off without you!



**** MATINEE IDLE** will continue during the summer. We will go to the movies on Thursday, July 24th and on Thursday, August 28th. If you are a regular Matinee Idle participant, you will receive an email regarding the movie scheduled for those two dates.



**** CULTURAL CONNECTION** will not tour in July or August.



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 10th, 10 am, at Marlene Maksiel's. Our topic will be "My Favorite Beverage" ~ fiction or fact!



**** LUNCHIN' LADIES** will not meet in July. In August, we will try to lunch on Wednesday, 20 August, 1 pm at The Cooperage in Lafayette. The Times gave this newish restaurant 3 ½ stars and calls the menu "New American tavern cuisine" ~ whatever that means! Call, or email, Marlene **BEFORE** the 18th so reservations can be made.



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

Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2014 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 or Email mkhbibliophile@aol.com (<mailto:mkhbibliophile@aol.com>) with your selected title and author PRIOR to purchasing your book.

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!) Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now.

AAUW FUNDS

Marlene Maksel & Laurel Gaiser



Congratulations to our Named Gift Honorees for 2013-2014 ~ Patricia Harris and Elena Noble. Well deserved!

Our AAUW Funds committee is looking for additional members! Could it be you? This position requires about 4 very pleasant meetings a year and a little work on a project, or two. Nothing onerous, but a lot of fun.

Thanks again to every member of the branch for your generous contributions to AAUW Funds in the calendar year 2013. Now we are starting on 2014 and already have monies earned from the dinners at Tahoe Joe's and the sale of the scarves.

Remember: AAUW Funds is comprised of many programs. Educational Opportunities (#4336) includes Fellowships, Grants and Tech Trek (nationally); Legal Advocacy Fund (#3999) includes legal case support, LAF case support travel grants and campus outreach grants; Public Policy (#4337) includes Government relations, civic engagement and field organizing; Leadership Programs (#4339) includes Elect Her, Start Smart, and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; and the Eleanor Roosevelt (#9170) includes research reports like *Behind the Pay Gap*.

Here's to another great year for AAUW Funds!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Alana Macdonald & Claudia Bass

The following members joined just after the last N.E.W.S. Came out. Their complete information will, of course, be listed in the Directory that comes out in September, but we certainly want to welcome them now:

Linda Dodson Linda.Dodson@sbcglobal.net
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OOPS! Were you one of the 21 people who forgot to pay her dues? You can check with Gayle Miner (gayle.miner@yahoo.com or 3496795) if you are not sure you did or didn't. Dues were due by June 1, 2014. Let's try to get everyone paid as soon as possible.

SAVE THESE DATES

- July 9** Budget Committee, 7:00 P.M. @Kathy Heath's home
- July 10** Program Committee, 10:00 A.M. @SarahJoy Haynes' home
- July 14** Festa Committee, 12:00 Noon, @Elena Noble's home
- July 17** Ways & Means Committee, 1:00 P.M. @ Gayle Garrison's home
- Aug. 6** AAUW Funds, 1:00 P.M. @ Laurel Gaiser's home
- Aug. 13** AAUW Board (1st meeting), 7:00 P.M. @ Trinkia March's home
- Aug. 16** Summer Social at Pine Meadow Golf Course
- Sept. 6** Welcome Brunch 10:00 A.M. (place TBA)
- Oct. 4** Festa Italiana, Viano Winery, Martinez



Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill- Martinez branch. On the **Photo Page**, check out pictures from our May Brunch. Also see photos of our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek Recipients on the **Community Action Page**. Photos of the newly installed officers and the Barbara Newcheck award winner are displayed on the **About Us 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**.

Sherrie Moore, webmaster

Festa Planning Meeting



*Please join us for a meeting to plan for the **Festa Italiana**. The meeting will be held at **Elena Noble's home** at noon on **Monday, July 14th**. This is always a group effort, so we hope you will volunteer to help. Mark your calendar for the **Festa** on **Saturday, October 4th** at the **Viano Winery**. Hope to see you at the planning meeting.*

Carole Larson and Elena Noble, Festa Coordinators




2014 Local Scholarship award winners

At our May Brunch, we presented college scholarship awards to four deserving students from our local high schools. These High School Seniors were recognized for excelling in their high school years, not only with excellent grades, but also in community service and leadership ability. They were each awarded a \$1,000 AAUW scholarship in recognition of their achievements. This year's recipients of Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW Scholarships are: Kailynn Boyd and Krista Cave (Alhambra High School), and Danielle Zhou and Jenna Carroll (College Park High School).

In the Fall, Kailynn will attend the University of Oregon to study business. Krista is off to Pacific University and would like to become a trauma surgeon. Danielle, who is interested in biology, is going to UC Berkeley, and Jenna is headed to UCLA with a major in electrical engineering. Best of luck to all of these exceptional young women.

Pleasant Hill-Martinez is proud to award these young women its 2014 scholarships. This branch of AAUW strongly supports its Local Scholarship Fund in many ways. Three of the events which the membership generously supports include the Italian Festa held last Fall at the Viano Winery with a Silent auction, and the Silent Tea Party in January.

 **Ways and Means** will meet July 17 a 1:00 at home of Gayle Garrison 1201 Monument Blvd #75 (Brookview).....back side.....Any member involved in fund raising needs to attend. Call Ish Mendonsa or Gayle Garrison if you need more details about meeting.

Tech Trek Tidings

Janice Walker

Trinka March and I have traded "hats" this year. As Trinka assumes the co-presidency, I'm attempting to fill her shoes as Tech Trek chair. If you attended the end-of-the-year Brunch you met our four middle school Tech Trek campers and listened to them share their aspirations for their future in a STEM-related area. All this was made possible through donations from you and support of last year's Festa, Brunch raffle, and play nights, as well as generous contributions from the Pleasant Hill and Martinez Rotaries and Shell Oil.

Now the work starts anew with the goal to continue our tradition of sending 4 representatives from our local schools to Tech Trek camp. If you'd like to assist us in our efforts, please join me and the committee on July 16 at 7:00 PM at my home, 524 Monti Circle, Pleasant Hill. Hope to see you then!



2014 Tech Trek girls honored

Our branch selected four middle school girls from Martinez and Pleasant Hill to attend the AAUW Tech Trek camp at the Sonoma State University campus. The following outstanding local seventh grade students were chosen because of their passion for math and science: Isabella Marazzani, Katelynn Massey and Rachel Snyder (Martinez Junior High School), and Haley Kropf-Redenzo (Sequoia Middle School).

Tech Trek, a program of AAUW California started in 1998, is a Science and Math camp aimed to encourage girls who will be entering eighth grade in the fall to consider careers in (STEM) science/ technology/ engineering/ math. The camp features hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional, and recreational facilities are located on a variety of university campuses throughout California where camps are held. Campers

are exposed to programs in fields such as astronomy, engineering, chemistry, marine biology, and environmental studies to enhance their learning experience and introduce the students to a variety of potential career areas.

The students were honored at our May Brunch by our members, and their family and friends. They attended camp June 22rd thru the 28th. We will meet these girls again in September at our Membership Brunch where they will relay their camp experience to us.

Public Policy

Kit Hein

Accepting a board position that is dear to my heart was an easy "yes" this year. In fact, I volunteered without being asked. My goals are to keep all of members informed and active on the issues that AAUW cares about; to emphasize the **Advocacy** that is in our mission statement; to help you connect with the many ways that AAUW, on a local, state, and national level, advocates for women and girls.

But you don't have to wait for me. Connect yourself. On the local level, bookmark the city and county websites:

Martinez

<http://www.cityofmartinez.org/>

Pleasant Hill

<http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/>

Contra Costa County

<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/27/Government>

Or Follow AAUW – CA while they follow the CA



legislature! Friend

And the ultimate advocate will go to

<http://www.aauw.org/get-involved/>

Or


<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>


Whatever your level of involvement, I am here to help, to encourage, and to give a little push.


THE LAST WORD

N.E.W.S. editor

Kit Hein

It is with mixed emotions  that I complete my final edition of the **PH-MTZ NEWS**. I have learned much about editing, word processing, clip art, Text boxes and the ins and outs of computer technology in the past six years. When Marilyn Tubbs took me under her wing I was very naïve about all that was involved in this new era.

I had actually been editor before. We called it the **Pleasant Hill Branch Bulletin**. I shared duties with Marilyn Schrock From 1984-1986 and we had a separate person as a mailer. We actually used scissors and glue  to cut and paste. I'm afraid that many of those issues reflect our amateur status.

Keeping my primary membership with the Pleasant Hill branch, I took a brief journey to Georgia. I served a few years as Tech Trek Chairperson but was soon asked to serve a second time as President for the 2008-2009 year. I had been president from 1989-1991, but the late 2000's were a time of low membership, presidential teams and recycled  board positions.

Thinking we were going to operate as a team, as I had in 1984, I also accepted Marilyn Tubbs' invitation to work on the **N.E.W.S.** That lasted one year until Marilyn agreed to be treasurer again and asked me to take over as editor. July-August, 2009, was my first solo edition. It has been quite an adventure since.

My family can attest to the joys and frustrations I have experienced with this project. Those of you who have continued to support my efforts are a huge reason for my having continued this long. Working for this

 branch is an honor.

But it's time to move on. My mother always said I liked to have the last word, so here it is:

THANK YOU

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July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 29  <u>Leadership Training</u>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9  <u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u>	10  <u>PROGRAM COMMITTEE</u>	11	12
13	14  <u>FESTA PLANNING</u>	15  <u>SUMMER SOCIAL PLANNING</u>	16	17  <u>WAYS & MEANS</u>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Personal Events

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6  <u>FUNDS COMMITTEE</u>	7	8	9
10 <u>SUMMER SOCIAL RESERVATION DEADLINE</u> 	11	12	13  <u>BOARD MEETING</u>	14	15 <u>N.E.W.S. DEADLINE</u>	16  <u>SUMMER SOCIAL</u>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SAVE THE DATE: Welcome Brunch – Sept. 6 Festa – Oct. 4