

N.E.W.S.

Now/Events/Women/Success

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

Volume 57 Issue 8 April 2015

Don't Take Title IX for Granted!

Former AAUW-CA president Alicia Hetman is on a mission. She wants everyone to know that Title IX protections of gender equity in education and in work cannot be taken for granted and must be resolutely protected from political attack as well as being taken for granted. That will be her message when she speaks to a joint meeting of Concord and Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW on Wednesday, April 22. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. with a brief business session followed by the speaker.

An elementary classroom teacher including special education from 1973 -94 in Marysville, Alicia was an Education Programs Consultant from 1994-2011 with the California Department of Education (CDE). She researched and created the original Gender Equity Compliance program the then new Federal law after working with AAUW-CA to get the regulatory legislation passed.

In the two decades since, Alicia has become a leading expert on not only Title IX provisions but also on the whole spectrum of gender equity issues in and out of education. She gives speeches, serves on panels and leads workshops and training sessions throughout the state and beyond always stressing that while athletics gets the main attention, the issues are across the life spectrum for women and girls at all ages and have not been resolved yet.



Alicia Hetman

AAUW Smart Start coordinator Elena Noble will also have information available regarding the program to help young women finishing their education learn how to stand up for themselves when negotiating for equitable salary, benefits, and treatment in the workplace.

The Pleasant Hill Senior Center is located at 233 Gregory Lane. There is plenty of parking available near the front door entrance. We will be meeting in one of the classrooms towards the back of the building.

The Center's rules about no food in the classroom are strict but you may bring bottled water if you wish. Both Concord and PH-Mtz Branches are reaching out to educators, parents and students to attend so there should be a good crowd and lots of discussion.

For more information, contact Harriett Burt at (925) 372-8038 or at hiburt1940@comcast.net



PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Co-Presidents Katrinka March & Gayle Miner

Wow - April is upon us, Spring is here and we are already gearing up for our next fabulous year of AAUW! I have always said AAUW is a tremendous deal. I have belonged to a variety of professional organizations whose dues were two to three times what AAUW asks of us and gotten a fraction of the benefits that we as AAUW members get. So get out your checkbooks, or get on line, and pay those dues because you get such a great deal for the money you spend!

Locally our dues fund all our great programs from month to month. They pay our insurance, they rent the rooms, they cover decorations, they keep our local organization going so we can socialize with other amazing women, dues give us the opportunity to advocate, and learn about what is going on locally and so we can support programs that promote women and girls.

What other organization do you belong to that has *a Value Promise*: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

State wide your dues support the operations of AAUW-CA: It allows the Board of Directors and Committees for Tech Trek, Speech Trek and Money Trek to travel and meet in order to provide necessary oversight for these projects. Your dues enable AAUW CA to provide visibility and opportunities to donate to AAUW Funds through annual Funds luncheons in Northern and Southern California. AAUW CA dues are the primary source of funding for: the Perspective; the AAUW CA website; the monthly communications to the branches; online voting; online registration for conventions and Funds Luncheons; the State Directory and administrative packets each year. Your dues provide the funds to develop and present branch leadership training days

throughout the state. AAUW CA provides a strong collective voice as we advocate for pay equity, reproductive choice, civil rights, and educational opportunities across the state. To provide that strong voice, your dues support a part time professional advocate in Sacramento and "two-minute activist" action alerts.

Nationally things become even more impressive. Our dues support research in areas such as gender equity in education and the work place. We support programs in campus leadership and STEM education. We advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls. We support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. We provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women. We respond to the global development needs of women, helping them contribute to the economic and social development of their countries. We provide leadership development opportunities to AAUW members.

Can you believe we can do all of these things and receive such amazing benefits from so many programs for a mere \$87? What a bargain! And speaking of bargains - come join us for an enlightening night with Alicia Hetman on April 22! All for the cost of your dues.

Trinka and Gayle

APRIL BOARD MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015 7 PM

Home of Trinka March

Copy deadline for the May/June 2015 N.E.W.S. is:

April 20th

Please email copy to:

Reba Siero <u>rebasiero@yahoo.com</u>

TECH TREK TIDINGS

Janice Walker

If you were among the sell-out crowd of members and guests who attended our March 7th Tea, you know it was a lovely event. Our speaker, Susan Leech, delivered an entertaining and informative "tea" talk. The food was delicious and plentiful and the spring-like day added to the ambiance.

All of this was wonderful, but the best part was that we earned over \$1700 for Tech Trek due to the generosity of those who attended, those who gave a contribution, and those who helped make it possible. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to those committee members who not only donated their time but also donated their expenses: Georgette Anderson, Alana Macdonald, Sandy Wolfe, Joy Barden, Gayle Miner, Helen Pereira, Sherrie Moore, Gayle Garrison, and Nancy Hobert. In addition to these members, many others also deserve sincere thanks for their assistance in providing table settings, making scones, selling raffle tickets and helping serve the food. It truly was a team effort, an achievement that reflects what AAUW is about, women working together to help other women!

Now we move on to the final phase of our year and select our candidates for our June Tech Trek Camp. The applications have been received and the committee will have interviewed and selected our final four candidates by the time you read this.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's nominating committee presents the

following candidates for the:

PH-MTZ AAUW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016:

Co-Presidents: Trinka March and Gayle Miner

VP Programs: Susan Lawson and Priscilla Tudor

VP Membership: Claudia Bass and Alana Macdonald

VP AAUW Funds: Harriett Burt and Helen Pereira

Secretary: Jennifer Apkarian

Treasurer: Joan Foster

The election will be held at the April General meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with the prior approval of the nominee.

Nominating Committee Chairperson: Joy Barden

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Alana Macdonald and Claudia Bass Membership VPs

It's that time of the year again! It's time to pay your AAUW dues. Dues are \$87 per person. Of that amount, \$49 is sent to the national organization to fund various AAUW projects which promote the education and rights of women. Note that \$46 of that money is TAX DEDUCTIBLE. You'll be getting a letter in the mail, but you can also give your check to Claudia or Alana at any AAUW function. The check is due by June first.

We have a new member, Jacqueline Ulrich, joining us this month. Here is her information for your directory:

Jacquie Ulrich 4 Kim Court Martinez, CA 94553-4444 925-288-0502 dojarich@att.net

Jacquie went to Ramapo College of New Jersey and received a B.A. in Contemporary Art. She also has a teaching credential in Contemporary Art for grades K-12. She has certificates in Interior Design, Fashion Design and Fine Arts.

We are very happy to welcome Jacquie to AAUW!

We also have some sad news this month. Carole Larson has passed away after a battle with cancer. She will be much missed! Our love and prayers go out to her family.

Alana Macdonald, alanam88@gmail.com

Claudia Bass, cbasslancer29@aol.com

PROGRAM UPDATE

Harriett Burt and SarahJoy Haynes
Program VPs

Come One, Come All, to our

May 30th Continental Brunch meeting

We will be installing our 2015-2016 Board, meeting

our Tech Trek gals, Scholarship recipients, and Award winners. Sign-ups for food will be at the April meeting. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP not later than May 20th to:

SarahJoy Haynes

(925) 372-9211 or plumleathr@aol.com

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

**MORNING BOOKS will meet on Wednesday, April 1st, 10 am, at Carol Walsh's (Carol's address is 653 Byrdee Way, Lafayette). PLEASE let your hostess (229-3234) know you are going! We will be discussing Dave Eggars's, *The Circle*. The book brings up the question of perks at your job ~ are they really worth the stress? In May we will be reading Alan Paton's *Too Late the Phalarope*. Please join us for great discussions!

**IN INDELIBLE INK will meet on Wednesday, April 8th, 10 am, at Marlene Maksel's. The topic assignment will be "If You Were in High School Today, Which Sport Would You Participate In". We welcome oral versions as well as written and we do NOT critique your writings.

**LUNCHIN' LADIES will go to lunch on Wednesday, April 15th. Call Marlene for details. If you have a restaurant you would like to try, please let Marlene know ~ we need some unique suggestions.

**EVENING BOOKS will meet on Monday, April 27th, 7 pm, at Eileen Bordenave's. We will be discussing *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. This is a romantic comedy featuring an inept professor of genetics who decides it is time to find a wife. Please join us for the discussion.

**MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies on Thursday, April 23rd (4th Thursday; not the last). 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 film after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.

**MAH JONGG Friday, April 17th, 1:00 at the Brookview Clubhouse. \$2.00 per person. Bring your set, if you have one, and remember your new card. Snack are welcome. We will play with the new card starting this month. Contact Sherrie Moore if you would like to play. 229-4177. mooresherrie@comcast.net

Martinez 2015 Woman of the Year

Barbara Chambers has been chosen Martinez 2015 Woman of the Year. Besides being a Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW member, she is the Treasurer and Chair of the City Easter Egg Hunt in the Martinez Lions Club,

the 1st Vice President of the Martinez Lioness Club, the Secretary of the Martinez Historical Society Board of Directors, and on the Board of Directors and past president of the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired. For her part in the Main St Martinez Promotions Com-



mittee, she welcomes and greet jurors once a week and tells them about our history and the highlights of Martinez. She also works hands on for many of these organizations in other capacities and is involved in many community projects and fundraisers.

Congratulations, Barbara.

AAUW FUNDS

Laurel Gaiser and Marlene Maksel AAUW Funds Co-Chairs

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER DINNER AT TAHOE JOE'S!!!

Gather your friends, family and neighbors for a delicious meal that provides funds for Fellowships and Grants to women earning graduate degrees throughout our nation ~ and also globally!

The date is Sunday, May 3rd and you may eat in, or take-out, from 11 am until 9 pm. A ticket costs \$20 and entitles you to a choice of 3 meats, Mountain Mashers, Blue Lake Green Beans and your choice of soup or salad.

Tickets are available from Marlene Maksel (689-5439), or at marlene@maksel.us.

Your Funds committee has chosen Brenda Ruiz, a DVC student, who happens to live in Pleasant Hill, as our candidate for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Her registration has been completed as well as her travel arrangements. Your support of the dinner at Tahoe Joe's helps provide for this exciting new venture for our Pleasant Hill-Martinez branch.

Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website















Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. See pictures on the Photos Page from our High Tea March Program to support Tech Trek. Check out all of the beautiful place settings our members arranged for each table.

Just click on this link: 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

Come to AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch's luncheon and program Madame Mars and the Quest for Worlds Beyond Learn about the exploration and potential habitation of Mars

Saturday, April 25

Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville 11:00 a.m. for social time, 11:30 for lunch and 12:00 program

Our guest speakers, Jan Millsapps, Ph.D., Mars One astronaut candidate finalist and Beth Rogozinki, will discuss and show excerpts from their transmedia documentary, Madame Mars. This production traces the long and arduous path women have taken in their efforts to explore Mars and worlds beyond. The filmmaker's vision is to inspire young women and girls to pursue careers and opportunities in the space sciences. This presentation will be of interest to those who want to establish gender equity in space exploration, those who support STEM education for girls, and those who are fascinated by recent developments that have advanced knowledge of Mars and potential habitation.

The cost of \$31.00 includes lunch & program (\$32.25 if paying using PayPal) at http://daw-ca.aauw.net/madamemars/ or mail a check to Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507. Please include the name(s), phone #, email address, and # attending.

Seating is limited so please register by April 18, 2015.

MARTINEZ COMMUNITY

Nancy Hobert

April 4 - Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt - 10 am to 12 am

Waterfront Park Grass Area. Ages 2-9. Enjoy face painting. Arrive by 9:45 am sharp!

April 11 - Cleanup Day -

Volunteer to help downtown sparkle! 8 am to 1 pm. Donuts, coffee and a barbecue lunch for all volunteers. Call Barbara at 408-1338 to sign up.

April 11 – Mini motor land for children

Held at the amphitheater in Waterfront Park, which will be transformed into a child sized interactive village! Ages 2-12. \$8. Call 372-3510 for further information.

April 22-25 – Alhambra High Musical

"The Pirates of Penzance" 7 pm curtain. Saturday will also have a 2 pm matinee. Tickets are \$8/\$10 presale; Kids 10 and under \$5. Purchase at door or online at ahsbulldogstore.myschoolcentral.com

April 25 - Citizen of the Year Award Dinner

Honoring citizens for contributions to Martinez. For info and tickets, call the Chamber at 228-2345.

CC Medical Center

is asking for magazines and paperbacks. The Auxiliary delivers 150 a week to the 14 waiting rooms and clinics. Bring to the hospital lobby information desk or the gift shop.

Sundays 10 am to 2 pm

Farmers' Market – every Sunday, marketplace full of fresh California-grown fruits and vegetables.

Martinez Museum Re-opens

Tuesdays and Thursdays – 11:30 am to 3 pm First four Sundays of each month – 1 pm – 4 pm, 1005 Escobar Street

Fundraising Events at nearby branches

The **AAUW San Ramon** branch is hosting a fundraiser at Gianni's Italian restaurant in San Ramon on April 20. Funds raised will go towards our Tech Trek and Local Scholarship programs. AAUW San Ramon members will be the servers. We receive 10% of the food and beverage sales and all tips. It should be fun!

EDUCATION

llene Linssen

A WELCOME REPRIEVE

This week the State Board of education agreed to suspend the Academic Performance Index (API) for this school year to allow for the development of a more comprehensive accountability system. The new system will be based on several factors rather than just standardized test results as has been the case up to now. The other criteria have not yet been finalized, but may include graduation rates, and college and career readiness indicators. It is not clear how these criteria will relate to elementary and middle schools, but I have faith that something will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile, schools are gearing up for a totally new test, the CAASPP or California Assessment of Student Progress and Performance. These tests are computerized and will replace the much loved STAR tests. The scores from the new tests are not expected to be available until fall of 2016.

Reading about the new computerized tests piqued my interest and motivated a google search to find examples. Included here is what I found. You won't be able to access the tests directly from this article, but I included it to help anyone who is interested to find the website, http://www.smarterbalanced.org/

If your tech karma is working, and you're still interested, you'll be able to sign into a guest session, view the tests and even try your skill.

GOOD LUCK!

AAUW Concord's 3rd Annual

Art and Wine (and Beer) Walk
Saturday, May 9, 2015, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

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

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door; participants must be 21 or older. Tickets will be available through noon on May 8 at http://concord-ca.aauw.net. All attendees must begin at the starting location, to receive a wine glass, wristband, & map of participating locations. For questions call (925) 324-9595. All proceeds will go toward educational scholarships for local girls and women.

Cobbling a Few Things Together

From Washington: * The Department of Education announced last week that between 2011 and 2013, graduation rates for black and Hispanic students increased by almost 4 percent while the gap between the number of white students and black and Hispanic students receiving high school diplomas decreased. * AAUW maintains that the Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking Act should not move forward if it includes language that harms women and limits their access to reproductive health care.

*Fair pay champions in the House and Senate are preparing to reintroduce the Paycheck Fairness Act, one of AAU-W's top priorities for the 114th Congress.

EQUAL PAY DAY - APRIL 14

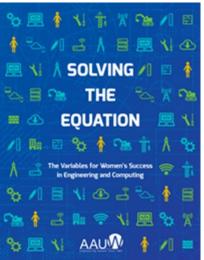
The Paycheck Fairness Act and YOU:

The reintroduction of the Paycheck Fairness Act is the perfect time to write letters to the editor and op-eds, especially since we're only two weeks away from Equal Pay Day. Visit AAUW's equal pay issue page http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action KEY=13322&killorg=True

To have all the tools you need to get your name published in the paper! And, more importantly, get your local elected officials and broader community to pay attention to equal pay.

It's March Madness time! AAUW invites you to join us again in this year's salary showdown, using gender wage equality to follow along with the men's and women's basketball tournaments. *

Take a stand for basic fairness by supporting schools that treat women's and men's sports equitably.



Muriel Fry and 3 others attended the "live stream" presentation of *Solving the Equation*, AAUW's latest research report on women in science, technology, engineering, and math. This event was held at Samsung in Mountain View. Over 1,000 venues participated in the "live stream", where folks were watching the 5

person panel and the Stanford gender-in-science researcher, Londa Schiebinger, who was the convener. The companies represented on the panel were Samsung, NASA, AT&T, GlassLab (games) and Broadcom. The room was set up as a "studio" and it was scripted very closely. Our AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman, also greeted us and all on "live stream". Muriel has a hard copy if anyone wants to see it. You can download your own soft copy here:

www.aauw.org/files/2015/03/Solving-the-Equation-reportnsa.pdf

SAVE THESE DATES

Apr 15 - May 26 AAUW National Election

Apr 18 AAUW CA Annual Meeting

Apr 18 - May 8 AAUW CA Election

Apr 20 San Ramon AAUW fundraiser

Apr 22 PH-M AAUW General Meeting
Alicia Hetman, Title IX (date change)

Branch Annual Election

Apr 23 \$tart \$mart workshop at DVC

Apr 25 Madame Mars and the Quest for Worlds

Beyond - D-A-WC AAUW

May 3 AAUW Funds fundraiser at Tahoe Joe's

May 9 Art/Wine/Beer Walk - Concord AAUW

May 30 PH-M AAUW Continental Brunch

Installation, meet our Tech Trek and

Scholarship recipients

Jun 18-21 AAUW National Convention - San Diego

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

The elections for AAUW (National) will take place April 15 – May 26 and AAUW CA (State) elections will happen April 18 – May 8. These are separate elections with separate voting codes. Make sure your contact information is correct in the National Membership files so you can vote in both elections. Just go on the national web site and find the National Data Base to check.

AAUW-CA: Election Information

There have been some changes since the publication of the Winter 2015 issue of California Perspective. This information supersedes that which was published in the newsletter.

The current candidates for office are as follows:

President Elect

Donna Mertens

Chief Financial Officer

- 1) Pat Ferrer
- 2) Helene Carr

Secretary

Deanna Arthur

Director (3 seats to fill)

- 1) Ainsley Nies
- 2) Nancy Mahr
- 3) Charmen Goehring
- 4) Lynne Batchelor

Additional nominations may be made, with the nominee's permission, until April 4 by following the instructions on the website.

Members can read about the candidates by going to the state website, Elections & Nominations section. You will find their photos and statements of their goals as well as links to information pages with their vitae and personal contact information so you can ask them questions and learn more about them.

We will also vote on our public policy priorities and a bylaws amendment that clarifies the way vacancies are filled on the state board of directors. This information was published in the newsletter.

On April 18 an email broadcast will go out to all AAUW CA members' email addresses (make sure your current one is in the AAUW national membership records!) The email message will contain personal voting codes and links to the election site. Those members who do not have email addresses or the message bounces, will be sent postcards with the voting information and instructions how to receive paper ballots to mail.

The voting period is April 18 through May 8 at 5:00pm.

Results of the election will be available and posted on the AAUW California website within 24 hours of the close of voting. The newly elected people will join the continuing board on July 1, 2015.

If there are questions about voting procedures, please contact me at nominating@aauw-ca.org

Harriet Tower

Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee



Elena Noble, Facilitator

This April 23rd, the AAUW Inter Branch Council of CCC will be presenting the very first **\$tart \$mart** Workshop for The Contra Costa Community College District. (See Attached Flyer)

If you know a student attending any of the CCC Colleges, please pass along the information.

If you are interested in becoming a \$tart \$mart Facilitator, please contact me for more information.

Many thanks again to all nine branches of AAUW in CCC, and the DVC Career and Employment Center for coordinating this valuable workshop.

Elena Noble <u>enoble4@astound.net</u> (925) 787-2410

PH-M AAUW N.E.W.S. SPONSORS

Montecito Animal Clinic



5280 Pacheco Boulevard Pacheco, *CA* 94553 925/686-0683 FAX 925/686-4754



Katrinka March D.V.M. Karen Shore B.V.M.S. Cindy Pieper D.V.M.



2014–2015 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Presidents:

Trinka March 372-8420 <u>drtrinks@sbcglobal.net</u>

Gayle Miner 349-6795 gayle.miner@yahoo.com

Vice Presidents - Program:

Harriett Burt 372-8038 hjburt1940@comcast.net

SaraJoy Haynes 372-9211 plumleather@aol.com

Vice Presidents - Membership:

Claudia Bass 372-8679 <u>cbasslancer29@aol.com</u>

Alana Macdonald 933-4427 alanam88@gmail.com

Vice Presidents - AAUW Funds

Laurel Gaiser 322-8676 <u>lagaiser@comcast.net</u>

Marlene Maksel 689-5439 <u>marlene@maksel.us</u>

Secretary:

Helen Pereira 685-0757 helenmp45@aol.com

Treasurers:

Jennifer Apkarian 228-2027 apkarian1@att.net

Kathy Heath 228-1976 Kmamh1894@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor:

Reba Siero 228-8211 rebasiero@yahoo.com

Pleasant Hill – Martinez AAUW N.E.W.S. is published 10 times a year by and for AAUW. May/June & July/August are combined issues.

Copy deadline for May/June 2015 N.E.W.S. is

April 20th Please email copy to: Reba Siero

rebasiero@yahoo.com

Webmaster

Sherrie Moore 229-4177

www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org

AAUW C C C Inter-branch Council Chair:

Position currently vacant

California State office of AAUW:

1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95833

Email: office@aauw-ca.org
Website: http://aauw-ca.org/

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			10 am 1 Morning Books	2	3	4
5	6	7	10 am 8 In Indelible Ink 7 pm Board Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 AAUW National Election begins	16	1 pm 17 Mah Jongg	18 AAUW CA Annual Meeting and Election begins
19	20	1 pm 21 Lunchin' Ladies	7 pm 22 General Meeting Alicia Hetman Title IX (date change)	1-4 pm 23 \$tart \$mart Workshop at DVC	24	25
26	7 pm 27 Evening Books	28	29	30		

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
Tahoe Joe's AAUW Funds fundraiser	4	5	10 am 6 Morning Books	7	8	9
10	11	12	10 am 13 In Indelible Ink 7 pm Board Meeting	14	1 pm 15 Mah Jongg	16
17	18	1 pm 19 Lunchin' Ladies	20	21	22	23
24	7 pm 25 Evening Books	26	27	28	29	30 Continental Brunch - Installation
31						

Save the Dates: April 18 to May 26 – AAUW National Election; April 18 to May 8 – AAUW CA Annual Election; April 22 – Branch meeting date change - Title IX with Alicia Hetman; May 3 – Tahoe Joe's AAUW Funds fundraiser