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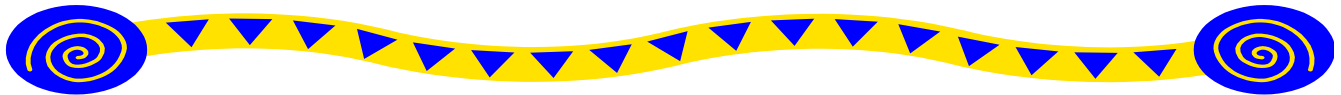
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AAUW PH-MTZ Summer Social



Sunday, August 2nd 5-9 pm

Contra Costa Country Club (Pool Area)

801 Golf Club Rd in Pleasant Hill

**Appetizers, drinks, BBQ, and dessert
\$30 per person, checks to PHMAAUW**

Bring your spouse and/or friends

RSVP and send your check to:

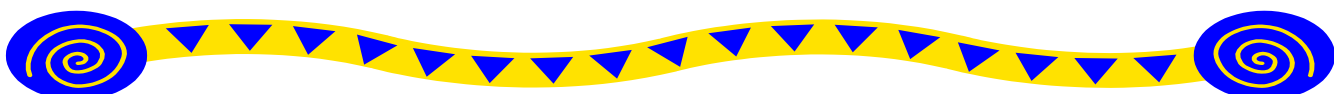
Shelley Jacobson

19 Amber Lane

Lafayette, CA 94549

Must reserve and pay by July 26th when the final count is due.

No exceptions.





PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Co-Presidents Katrinka March & Gayle Miner

Wow- here we go! Onward onto a second term of Presidential Postings. We would not be here if it were not for the amazing group of women in our branch. You all make this branch the fun and happening group it is. We had our joint board meeting last week and got so much accomplished! Thank you all for stepping up for another year of AAUW productivity!

We now have people for community connections for Martinez AND Pleasant Hill. The dynamic duo of Gayle Garrison and Sarah Joy Hanes took on the International Soup Supper evening, and Shelley Jacobson is spearheading the Summer Social so we have time to enjoy each other's company in the warm summer weather in between meetings! You don't want to miss any of this, so make sure your membership is paid up!

Speaking of meetings, there are still plenty of opportunities to help out! The committee for the Fall Brunch is meeting , July 7th, 10:30am at Claudia Bass' house and for the Festa , July 22 11am at Sandy Wolfe's house. There will also be a Tech Trek committee meeting July 9th at Janice Walker's house. We are still looking for a new fund raiser for Tech Trek by the way... If you are a numbers person you might be interested in the budget meeting on July 29, 6:30pm at Gayle Miner's house, and if you are planning on any type of fund raising event for our beloved AAUW interests (Funds, including LAF; Tech Trek, or Scholarships) then you need to attend the Ways and Means meeting, July 16, 10am at Gayle Garrison's house.

And if you still have not found a way to use your talents for AAUW we are really in need of a communications person- someone to keep the rest of the community informed on the good and fun things we are doing in the coming year, as in newspaper articles and or social media. Can you help us out?

Trinka and Gayle

SAVE THESE DATES

- July 7** Welcome Brunch planning meeting
Claudia Bass', 10:30 am
- July 9** Tech Trek planning meeting
Janice Walker's, 1 pm
- July 16** Ways and Means meeting
Gayle Garrison's, 10 am
- July 22** Festa planning meeting
Sandy Wolfe's, 11 am
- July 29** Budget meeting
Gayle Miner's, 6:30 pm
- Aug 2** Summer Social
- Sep 19** Kick off the New Year Brunch

AUGUST BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

7 PM

Home of Trinkia March

Copy deadline for the September 2015 N.E.W.S. is:

August 20th

Please email copy to:

Reba Siero rebasiero@yahoo.com

TECH TREK TIDINGS

Janice Walker

I hope you were able to attend the May 30th Brunch so that you met and heard our four enthusiastic Tech Trek campers, whose picture accompanies this article. It was a very satisfying experience to know that our efforts provided these young girls with what possibly may become an unforgettable lifetime experience. Again, thank you for your support that made it all possible.

As one year ends, another begins! The Tech Trek committee will be meeting on July 9th at 1:00 PM at my home, 524 Monti Circle, Pleasant Hill, to begin organizing for the coming year with the goal of again sending 4 representatives from our local schools to Tech Trek camp next June. If you would like to be a part of it, please join us. We can always use another pair of helping hands!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

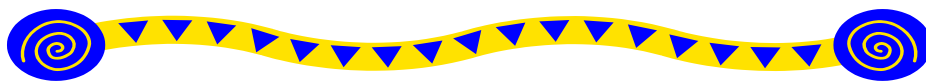
Alana Macdonald and Claudia Bass
Membership VPs

We'll be having our brunch kick-off for this next year on September 19th, at 10:00, at Marilyn Thelen's house. Guests are not only allowed but encouraged! We get most of our new members by current members bringing friends to an event, especially this brunch. Prospective members get a good overview of who we are and what we do at this event.

At this point, almost everyone has paid their dues! If you haven't yet, please send a check for \$87, written out to the P.H. Martinez AAUW, to Claudia or Alana. If you don't get your check in soon, we may not be able to get your name and contact information into the directory.

If there were any errors in your directory information for last year, please give one of us a call now.

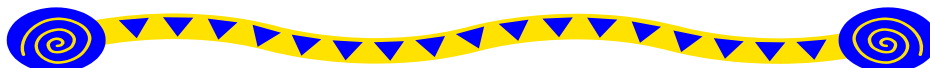
Alana Macdonald, alanam88@gmail.com
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Summer Social Committee



Please contact Shelley Jacobson shelley19@comcast.net if you would like to help with the Summer Social.



INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** will not meet in either July or in August. In September, we will meet on Wednesday, September 2nd, 10 am, at Sandy Wolfe's. PLEASE let your hostess know if you are going! We will be discussing Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*. Please plan to join us for a great discussion!



****IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in July or in August. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th, 10 am, at Ginny Hargrave's. The topic assignment will be "Do You Remember When . . ." We welcome oral versions as well as written and we do NOT critique your writings.



****LUNCHIN' LADIES** will not meet in July or in August. Check your N.E.W.S. for the lunch location in September. If you have a restaurant you would like to try, please let Marlene know ~ we need some unique suggestions.



****EVENING BOOKS** will not meet in July or August. In September we will meet on Monday the 28th, 7 pm at Linda Robbins. We will be discussing *You Before Me* by Jojo Moyes. Please plan to join us for the discussion.



****MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies during July and August. Our July date is Thursday the 23rd and in August the date will be Thursday the 27th. 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.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Joy Barden and Shelley Jacobson
Local Scholarships Co-Chairs

Four \$1000 scholarships have been awarded to College Park and Alhambra High Seniors. Kaitlyn Emigh and Laurel Green from Alhambra High; Mayuko Butterfield and Diane Neypes from College Park. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for your time, effort, and hard



work picking these very qualified candidates. A big Thank You to all AAUW members who made donations to this worthwhile program!!



BOOK EXCHANGE - 2nd CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2015 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 contact Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528 or mkhbibliophile@aol.com 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.



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. See pictures on the **Photos Page** from our May End of the Year Brunch. Go to the **About Us Page** to see photos of our new Board, the Barbara Newachek award winner, and information about AAUW Funds. To view pictures of the Tech Trek and Local Scholarship girls, go to the **Community Action Page**.

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



Festa 2015 Planning Meeting



Co-Chairs: Elena Noble & Marlene DeLaurenti

Wednesday July 22nd, 11:00 am

At the home of Sandy Wolfe

156 Elderwood Drive

Pleasant Hill, Ca.

*Our Annual Festa at Viano Winery will be held
on Oct. 10th, 2015*

*Please join us to help plan our biggest fund
raiser of the year.*

Contact us:

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The 2015/16 Board



\$\$ Facilitators

Elena Noble AAUW PH-M

& Elaine Groen (Concord)

WE are proud to report on **April 23rd, 2015**

Forty-five (96% Female and 4% Male) **Diablo Valley College Students** received a three hour **\$tart \$mart** training on **Wage Negotiation and Equal Pay for Equal Work.**

The workshop was presented by AAUW Inter-Branch Council of Contra Costa County and The Student Career Center of DVC.

Many thanks to **Catherine Franco, DVC Career Services, Pete Garcia, President of DVC, and Dr. Helen Benjamin, Chancellor CCCC.**

Feedback from pre and post surveys indicated students advanced in their knowledge of

- How the Wage Gap Happens
- How to Benchmark and Budget your Salary
- How to negotiate a fair and Competitive Wage

With the purchase of this three year contract, AAUW is looking forward to presenting **\$tart \$mart** Workshops to all **CCCCD Campuses.**

AAUW -CA Election Results

1721 voters of 11988 eligible cast ballots (14.4%)

President-Elect - Donna Mertens

Secretary- Deanna Arthur

Chief Financial Officer - Pat Ferrer

Directors - Lynne Batchelor, Nancy Mahr and Charmen Goehring

Adoption of the proposed Public Policy Priorities for 2015-17 - passed

Bylaws Amendment to clarify how vacancies are filled on the state board of directors - passed

More details on the AAUW-CA website

<http://aauw-ca.org/>

PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY Janet Sullivan

Don't miss the **Pleasant Hill Summer Concert Series**

- Free, live music

- *Third Thursday* 6:30 to 8:30 pm

June through September

-In the plaza next to Jack's Restaurant & Bar

The **Farmer's Market Saturdays** 9 to 1:00 pm downtown Pleasant Hill

Sunset by the Lake summer concerts

- live music and fun 6-8 pm on Sundays, July 19th and August 2nd, 16th and 30th

-Gregory Lane and Cleaveland Rd.

Bring items of non-perishable food to donate to the Monument Crisis Center

Off the Grid food trucks, Wednesday, on Trelany Road behind City Hall. Nine food trucks offer a variety of cuisines

Lunch with Mark DeSaulnier

-**July 17th** Noon to 1:30 pm

-Back Forty Texas BBQ 100 Coggins Drive

-Lunch and conversation about issues affecting our region.

Chamber members \$40

Non-members \$50

Contact the Pleasant Hill Chamber for information at 925.930.7576

2015-2016 LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Position currently vacant

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



July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	10:30 am 7 Welcome Brunch planning	8	1 pm 9 Tech Trek planning	10	11
12	13	14	15	10 am 16 Ways and Means	17	18
19	20	21	11 am 22 Festa planning	23 Matinee Idle	24	25
26 RSVP/pay deadline for Summer Social	27	28	6:30 pm 29 Budget meeting	30	31	

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
5 to 9 pm 2 Summer Social	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	7 pm 12 Board meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Matinee Idle	28	29
30	31					

Save the Dates: Welcome Brunch, September 19th
Festa 2015, October 10th