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

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## One Woman's Journey to Freedom-Margaret Zhao's Story

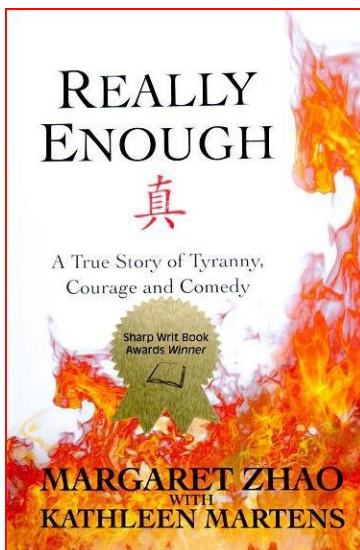


**Wednesday November 18  
7:00PM-9:00PM**

Join our local award-winning author Margaret Zhao for an inspiring and witty presentation on her memoir Really Enough; a True Story of Tyranny, Courage and Comedy

This astonishing, intimate memoir charts her daunting struggle for survival, freedom, and forbidden love. From her life as an Enemy of the State under Chairman Mao to her culture shock with the "American Dream," Margaret's journey to freedom will make you laugh and cry. Her memoir will open your world, and write itself onto your heart.

For more on Margaret, visit [www.ReallyEnough.com](http://www.ReallyEnough.com)  
For her recent TV interview, visit [www.HumorHaiku.com](http://www.HumorHaiku.com)



**Books Available for Author Autograph**



**Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch  
St. Andrew's Church  
1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA**



## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Many hands helped raise money for Local Scholarship, Tech Trek and AAUW Funds on October 10<sup>th</sup> at FESTA ITALIANA. We want to thank Co-Chairs Elena Noble and Marlene DeLaurenti for taking on this tremendous project and doing an outstanding job. They had lots of helping hands along the way: ticket sellers, appetizer, biscotti and salad makers, bread slicers, food shoppers, lasagna bakers, donation seekers, water hauler and coffee maker, set up people, clean up people, check in and greeters, servers, publicity, and planning committees. It always amazes us how many willing volunteers step up to work on fundraising events such as Festa. We hear, "I'll do that!" or "I can help with that." at the first committee meeting and then it just takes off from there. So a huge THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU goes out to all of the amazing people who worked tirelessly on this fun-filled event. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

We raised money to support our efforts to send four 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to Tech Trek camp next summer, give four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors heading off to college in 2016, and send one college student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) this coming spring. Through our endeavors, AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Don't be shy! Volunteer to help at a future event. It's a good feeling to know you are helping to support girls and women to fulfill their dreams and open their minds to possibilities they hadn't thought of for their future.

Trinka and Gayle

## HELP WANTED

We need a person to join the board and handle communications.

This involves doing publicity notices for the newspaper about upcoming AAUW events.

If you are interested in this position please contact Trinka March or Gayle Miner.

WE NEED YOU!

### Nominating Committee for 2015-2016

The Nominating Committee for 2015-2016 will be elected at the general meeting in November.

The nominees from the board are:

Joan Foster

Reba Siero

Jennifer Apkarian, alternate

The nominees from the general membership are:

Jeanne McGinnis

Margie Pruitt

Sandy Wolfe, alternate

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the general meeting in November before the vote.

Joy Barden, Parliamentarian

## REQUEST FROM THE TREASURER

Joan Foster

If you need a check, it must have all of the information before I issue the reimbursement or pay the vendor's bill. Also, I will not process any receipt or disbursement without the required form from our web site. That form MUST be filled out completely. If you need a check quickly, I am usually in Martinez every Thursday in the late afternoon. If you are sending me money, please email me that you have sent it and I will acknowledge it when I receive it. Thanks.



# PH-MTZ AAUW RAZZLE DAZZLE HOLIDAY PARTY



**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6-9 pm**

**Crowne Plaza  
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord**

**Sit down dinner (no-host bar) and entertainment**

**Choose turkey, potatoes and stuffing OR chicken, asparagus and rice pilaf dinner**  
Meal includes a glass of wine, water, ice tea, salad, rolls and butter, and dessert and coffee  
Vegetarian meal available upon request

**\$50 per person, checks to PH-M AAUW**  
By December 7<sup>th</sup> (no exceptions), RSVP and send your check to:

**Marlene Maksel  
1201 Monument Blvd. #12  
Concord, CA 94520**

**Reserve early**  
Bring your spouse and/or friends, plenty of parking



## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, at Janice Walker's. PLEASE let your hostess know if you are going! We will be discussing *The Fall of Mari-golds* by Susan Meissner. A century-old scarf connects two women in a beautiful story of "love, loss and sacrifice." In December we will be discussing *The Art Forger* by B. S. Shapiro. Please plan to join us for great discussions!



**\*\*IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, at Ginny Hargrave's. The topic assignment will be "My Most Unforgettable Character." We welcome oral versions as well as written and we do NOT critique your writings. Please come and try out this Interest Section.



**\*\*LUNCHIN' LADIES** will have lunch at on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm, at Main Street Kitchen in Walnut Creek, 1358 N. Main Street. Please let Marlene know by November 15<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to go so reservations can be made. 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, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm, at Gayle Garrison's. PLEASE inform your hostess that you are attending! We will be discussing *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. The story is about a bookseller who is suffering from depression and the mysterious help he receives. Please plan to join us for the discussion.



**\*\*MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be combining November and December due to the holidays, **SO NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATES!** 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.

## OTHER SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS



**\*\*MAH JONGG** Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 at the Brookview Clubhouse. \$2.00 per person. Bring your set, if you have one, and remember your card. Snacks are welcome. Contact **Sherrie Moore** if you would like to play. 925-229-4177 [moresherrie@comcast.net](mailto:moresherrie@comcast.net)



**\*\*GRAND SLAMMERS** will play bridge on Monday, Nov 9 at 12:30 at Brookview club house, 1201 Monument Blvd. Concord. Call Gayle Garrison, 798-7528 or e-mail [tarheel61@excite.com](mailto:tarheel61@excite.com) if you would like to play. Players of all levels are welcome to play.

### *SAVE THESE DATES*

- Nov 7** Into the Woods, Tech Trek fundraiser, DVC
- Nov 15** Tech Trek/AAUW Funds joint fundraiser, Tahoe Joe's, lunch or dinner, 11 am to 9 pm
- Nov 18** Presentation by Margaret Zhao, 7 pm
- Dec 11** PH-M AAUW Holiday Party, 6 to 9 pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord
- Dec 12** Breakfast with Santa, Fair Oaks Elementary School, 9 to 11 am

## Fair Oaks Elementary School

2400 Lisa Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Breakfast with Santa  
Saturday, December 12, 2015  
9am-11am

We will need a few people to help with serving breakfast.

### **We also can use donations for our raffle:**

Gift cards  
Baked goods  
Gift baskets

### **Items for theme baskets:**

Baking theme  
Family dinner theme  
Game night theme  
Reading night theme  
Movie night theme

The deadline for Gift cards and Basket items is Friday, December 3rd to Muriel Fry's home, 1235 Barott Road, Lafayette, or to the Fair Oaks office, 2400 Lisa Lane, Pleasant Hill.

The baked goods can arrive at the school on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**November 17, 2015, 9:30 a.m.**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Graciela Tiscareno-Sato**

**Publisher, Speaker &**

**Bilingual STEM Consultant**

Submitted by Leslie Pfeifer

The Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (OML) Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will feature Graciela Tiscareno-Sato, Publisher, Speaker & Bilingual STEM Consultant, on Tuesday November 17, 2015 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Coffee will be served at 9:00 with the Program starting at 9:30 am.

A recipient of the AAUW Career Development Grant award, Grace will speak on the impact this award has



## ***Festa 2015***

Marlene DeLaurenti and Elena Noble, Co Chairs

Once again, Festa proved to be as enjoyable as it was profitable. With the commitment, hard work and generous donations from our membership and the community, we realized well over \$3400 toward funds and scholarships.

We particularly we want to thank all the members, ( and their extended family), who shopped, cooked, decorated, loaned, hauled , sold tickets, set up, cleaned up, advertised, took pictures, solicited merchants and anything else.

Special thanks to **Harriett Burt**, the winner of the 50/50 raffle, who gave back \$300 of her winnings to be used for Funds, Scholarships and Tech Trek.

As many of you know, our friend Carole Larson had agreed to Chair Festa again this year, but tragically passed away from Lung Cancer last April. Her daughter Pattie Shaw wanted me to express their apologies for not being able to attend. However, she wanted to thank our members for their kindness, thoughtfulness and support during and after Carole's passing.

Thank you all.

had on her professional development as she transitioned from active duty Air Force to successful business owner. Her company, Gracefully Global Group LLC is a Woman, Hispanic and Veteran-Owned Business. Grace received the 2014 White House Champion of Change, Women Veteran Leaders, and is a cofounder of the National Women Veterans Speakers Bureau.

Please join us! For membership information, visit the Branch website: <http://oml-ca.aauw.net>.

Elena Noble, Facilitator

With the up and coming **Elections**, and **two women running** for the office of **President of the United States**, **Equal Pay for Equal Work** has become a hot button issue.

A year ago this November, **AAUW** took over the licensing rights of the **Start Smart Salary Negotiation Program**. The new team in Washington DC spent the summer redesigning the original format to align with the research and goals of **AAUW**.

This past October the new curriculum became available to **AAUW College Partners** and **Branch Members** who want to deliver the message across the country.

The new program has been shortened to two hours, and Facilitator Training, (free to members), can now be done online through Webinars. There is also a discount for branches and affiliates who purchase the license for their local colleges.

Within our CCC IBC, there are six trained facilitators. You may remember, we purchased a three year contract last year for the **Contra Costa County Community College District**, and presented our first class to **DVC** last April.

This is an exciting prospect for **AAUW** and American Women in the workforce. Stay tuned for some exciting workshops this year.

If anyone is interested in becoming a facilitator, please contact me at [enoble4@astound.net](mailto:enoble4@astound.net).



## **ANOTHER MODEST PROPOSAL**

I just realized how we (the taxpayers) can save a lot of money. We can just do away with schools. This would not only save money, but would eliminate the constant haggling about TESTING. Just this summer, the State Department of Education ended its contract with the company that provided the California High School Exit Exam. This left California high school seniors who had not already passed the exam, unable to graduate and, in some cases, unable to be accepted to colleges and universities. In an effort to save the situation, the Legislature passed emergency bills to grant those students official high school diplomas. As so often happens, the law of unintended consequences came into play. The consequence that soon was realized was that if one group of students could graduate without passing the exit exam, then the same should be true of all students who have not passed the exam since its inception in 2006. This possibility was especially welcome to the English learner community, since the greatest number of students who were unable to pass the exam were students whose first language was not English. The State was asked if their legislation was retroactive and if diplomas would be awarded to all students who did not receive them due to their failure to pass the exit exam. The State decided that it should be left up to each school district whether to award diplomas retroactively.

The reason given for the above mentioned fiasco is that the State wants to eliminate the exit exam saying that it is out of date and needs to be brought into alignment with new State standards, i.e. the Common Core. This move by the state brought out the many camps who are on different sides of the testing question. They run the gamut from those who want no tests at all to those who feel strongly that it's important to have accountability and to make sure that students are learning, that is to say that the taxpayers are getting what they are paying for. The big question in this debate is not whether to test or not, but rather why do we have schools at all. Are schools only to keep children off the street from 8:00 to 3:00. Are they for having holiday programs for parents to attend? Are they for preparing future sports stars for the big leagues? Are they for having dances, proms, etc.?

Before we can ever come to agreement over testing, we need to come to agreement about learning. Do we have schools so students can learn? Learn what? Learn that which is good for our society as a whole... to become productive members of a free (mostly) country. After all, the dreaded exit exam only tests whether students can read at eighth grade level and have a working knowledge of basic arithmetic.

## AAUW FUNDS

Harriett Burt and Helen Pereira  
AAUW Funds VPs

Nearly 150 AAUW members gathered October 25 for the annual Northern California Funds "Energizer" Luncheon. The informative and heartfelt talks by eight advanced degree candidates in the sciences and the liberal arts motivated everyone in the room. The luncheon was excellent also which leads right into another opportunity for a good meal that also helps Funds and Tech Trek --- **Tahoe Joe's on Sunday, November 15**. Contact any Funds committee member unless they find you first!

We thank everyone who has contributed to the AAUW Funds appeal so far. We've collected a little more than last year at this time. Just a reminder that December 31 is the deadline in order to claim the tax deduction for your donation. Write a check now before the flood of appeals in your mailbox gets overwhelming. If you've set aside the letter so you'd know where to find it (but can't remember now where that is) Helen can send you another or call any committee member for the Fund choices.

It is time to start thinking of who we would like to submit as our Named Gift Honoree(s) for this year. The committee welcomes suggestions. Contact Helen, Harriett, Muriel, Marlene, Ginny, Pat or Georgette with ideas before November 19.

A few of the lovely scarves Reba and Laurel dyed to sell at Convention still remain. We will sell them until the Soup Supper in January. After that they will be used as gifts to speakers and other appropriate recipients. We have 15 blue and 9 green remaining at \$25 each. So far four are spoken for. Call Harriett or Helen if you want one (or more).

And now for a word from an International Fellowship winner at the Funds Luncheon: **May Elmofty** from **Egypt** pursuing an advanced degree in cell and molecular biology at San Francisco State: *"Thank you so much. The Fellowship covers my tuition and day care. I have confidence about myself and my work because of your support."*

### 11th Annual Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW's Holiday Home Tour

Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, 2015

Bring your friends and join us for our fabulous Holiday Home Tour. We will showcase five beautiful, festively decorated homes in Danville and San Ramon.

Tickets are \$35 each. A senior discount of \$5 will be offered through Saturday, December 5th.

To purchase online: Visit our web site <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/hht2015>.

To purchase via US Mail: Send a check postmarked by December 5th payable to Danville-

Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW with a self-addressed stamped #10 business size envelope to: AAUW Holiday Home Tour, P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507.

To purchase in person: Visit East Bay Flower Company, 206 Sycamore Valley Road W. Mon-Sat 9-5. (cash or check only).

Your ticket purchase will help send 12 middle school girls in the Danville, Alamo and Walnut Creek communities to a one-week Tech Trek math-science camp for girls in a university setting and help fund local women receive their college education.

Please, no children under 12 or pets. Tour tickets are not tax deductible.

Questions: [aauwhht@gmail.com](mailto:aauwhht@gmail.com)

# 2015 Legislative Update – AAUW California (an edited version!)

The 2015 legislative year began slowly in January but soon heated up in part due to our participation in a new, exciting coalition – Str♀nger California Advocates Network. This coalition, organized by the Women’s Policy Institute, was made up of two dozen groups, some with established Capitol credentials and many new to advocacy but with significant experience in working with communities affected by the four pillars of the California women’s economic agenda. Our agenda had four established pillars under which two dozen bills on which we advocated as a coalition were categorized.

**Pillar One** – Fair Pay and Job Opportunities

**Pillar Two** – Access to Childcare

**Pillar Three** – Family Friendly Workplace

**Pillar Four** – Eradicating Poverty

AAUW California’s agenda primarily focused on Pillar One – Fair Pay and Job Opportunities, and supported many of the Str♀nger California bills with a few non-coalition bills added, but we were very deliberate that our focus was Fair Pay. We sponsored Assembly Concurrent Resolution 50 (Gonzalez) to bring attention to Equal Pay Day, and cosponsored with the California Employment Lawyers Association a bill on closing the gender wage gap, that if the Governor had signed the bill, would have made California first in the nation to have a bill prohibiting employers from using prior salary history to establish new pay. Unfortunately AB 1017 (Campos) was vetoed, along with another progressive bill to attack the gender wage gap, AB 1354 (Dodd) requiring state contractors to have plans in place for fighting gender pay inequities. The vetoes occurred on the last day the Governor could act, October 11th, by citing our biggest victory of the year, Senate Bill 358 (Jackson), which he signed, as the reason. SB 358 was a sorely needed update to California’s Fair Pay Act. Not only does it prohibit retaliation for disclosing wages amongst coworkers, but closes a huge loophole used by employers when employees sued for wage discrimination based on gender. This was a tremendous victory that received national attention, the importance of which should not be discounted amidst our disappointment with the vetoes; but we know from the AAUW Analysis of Gender Pay Laws by State that multiple avenues of addressing this problem are needed. This is particularly true after the recent disappointing news from the Census that the gender pay gap has barely budged in the last decade. We’ll be back.



## Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. See photos from the Festa Italiana on the **Community Action Page**. Do you need to download and print the Deposit & Reimbursement Request Form? Go to 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**



## TECH TREK TIDINGS

Janice Walker

If you didn't get a chance to support Tech Trek by buying a ticket from Trinka March for the November 7<sup>th</sup> DVC performance of "Into the Woods", you still have another opportunity this month to show your support. You can join us at Tahoe Joe's on Sunday, November 15, for either lunch or dinner. Tickets for this event are \$20 for your choice of steak, grilled chicken breast or barbequed ribs. Proceeds will go to support Tech Trek and Funds. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Harriett Burt, 372-8038, Helen Pereira, 685-0757, or myself, at 827-3374. Hope you to see you there!

In addition to organizing theater nights to benefit Tech Trek, Trinka March has also been involved with the Trek Trek program since its beginning years. As a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Trinka has been part of the professional staff, presenting classes each summer at multiple camp sites. This past June, in addition to presenting her class at the Sonoma State University camp site where our four recipients attended, Trinka also served as a dorm mom for the entire week. Each year Trinka has generously donated a significant amount of money to Tech Trek and this year is no exception. That type of generosity of time and funds needs to be acknowledged. So with much gratitude, heartfelt thanks is extended to Trinka for her continuous support of Tech Trek! THANK YOU, Trink!

## PH-M AAUW Volunteers

### Make a Difference

From Muriel Fry

Recently at Fair Oaks Elementary School, there have been a couple of playground injuries and the supervisor needed to carry an older student to the office. This was very difficult for the supervisor and the student.

One of the staff asked if I could secure a wheelchair, either new or used, to be used in such a situation.

The photo to the right shows the result of my inquiries.

## PUBLIC POLICY

Marlene Maksel

AAUW CA Public Policy Committee has teamed up with "Stronger California Advocates Network". A new, exciting coalition, it is organized by the Women's Policy Institute.

The focus right now is on Fair Pay and Job Opportunities. AAUW CA's main thrust is on Fair Pay and we sponsored Assembly Concurrent Resolution 50 (Gonzales) to bring attention to Equal Pay Day.

Governor Brown did sign SB 358 (Jackson), which updated California's Fair Pay Act. It prohibits retaliation for disclosing wages amongst coworkers and closes a huge loophole used by employers when employees sued for wage discrimination based on gender.



**Matthew Larson** of Diablo Medical in Walnut Creek and **Jon Pierce**, Principal of Fair Oaks and a new wheelchair.

Our AAUW volunteers make a huge difference in the lives of the students at Fair Oaks, and also for the greater good of the school. Join a SAM team, Breakfast with Santa or an hour a week in a classroom.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Alana Macdonald and Claudia Bass  
Membership VPs

Thank you to everyone who has brought a perspective member to our last two events. As a result our branch has grown to 118 members. It helps to have someone join at an event as they get a discount of \$24.50 through the Shape the Future Campaign which is an incentive. So keep them coming.

We would like to welcome three new members that joined at Festa. Be sure to put their information in your directory.

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Here are a few other additions to the directory, so make a note of them, also:  
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On another note, we will be starting our meetings in November which are held at night. We do have members who do not drive and especially at night. The following is a list of volunteer drivers and please contact them if you need a ride to a meeting or event. If you would like to volunteer to be a driver please let Claudia or Alana know.

Helen Pereira: 925-685-0757; 925-285-1766, Martinez  
Trinka March: 925-372-8420, Martinez  
Suzanne Salter: 925-988-0322, Pleasant Hill  
Muriel Fry: 925-937-4709, Lafayette  
Priscilla Tudor: 925-798-4095, Martinez  
Claudia Bass: 925-372-8679, Martinez  
Thank you to those who have volunteered to be drivers.  
Alana Macdonald, [alanam88@gmail.com](mailto:alanam88@gmail.com)  
Claudia Bass, [cbasslancer29@aol.com](mailto:cbasslancer29@aol.com)



## PH-M AAUW N.E.W.S. SPONSOR

### Montecito Animal Clinic



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FAX 925/686-4754



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

*NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING:*

*WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015*

*7 PM*

*Home of Trinka March*

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

**November 23rd**

Please email copy to:

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- Nov 17** OML AAUW, 9:30 am, Graciela Tiscareno-Sato, Bi=lingual STEM Consultant
- Nov 17** Lunchin' Ladies, 1 pm, Main Street Kitchen, Walnut Creek
- Nov 17** IBC meeting, 7 pm
- Nov 18** Presentation by Margaret Zhao, 7 pm and election of Nominating Committee
- Nov 20** Mah Jongg, 1 pm, Brookview Clubhose
- Nov 23** Evening Books, 7 pm, Gayle Garrison
- Nov 23** N.E.W.S. deadline, Reba Siero
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