



Pleasant Hill-Martinez (CA) Branch

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Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy,
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ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

Our program will be presented by Marty Brounstein, author of *TWO AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS FEW*. It tells the moving true story of a young Dutch couple, Frans and Herminia (Mein) Wifjakker who because they hid Jews during WWII were named as Righteous Among the Nations in 1983.

Marty has a personal family connection with the Jewish couple who were saved. He is a dynamic speaker, and you will be moved by this sad, yet, inspiring story of courage.

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2016
Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Place: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill



Attendance at the program ONLY is free. Program scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m.

Spouses, significant others and friends are invited.

Please bring your own soup bowl and spoon!

Bread and drinks will be provided

INSTRUCTIONS: Each attending MEMBER can choose one of the following:

PROVIDE A POT OF SOUP with 10 servings OR

PROVIDE A DESSERT with 10 servings OR

PAY \$10.00

NOTE: ALL GUESTS PAY \$10.00 EACH FOR SUPPER

Reservations by January 16, 2016 to:

SarahJoy Haynes plumleather@aol.com 372-9211 or

Gayle Garrison tarheel61@excite.com 798-7528

And let them know if you plan to attend, bring guests, and what you are bringing: soup, dessert or \$10.



PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

A Happy, Healthy New Year to all!

New Year's is a time to make resolutions and keep them. Hopefully you will resolve to become more involved with our PHMAAUW branch activities. If you do, just call any board member listed in the directory and they can guide you to the right person. Our Soup Supper is coming up on Wednesday, January 20. Perhaps you would like to help with set up, cooking, baking, or clean up to get involved. If so, just call Gayle Garrison to see what is needed. Another January event is the Annual Layette Shower on Wednesday, January 27. Who doesn't like to "ooh & ahhh" at baby items. Come join us!

Our Nominating Committee will be hard at work in January and February to nominate a slate of officers for 2016-17. Please seriously consider saying YES when they call to offer you a job on the board. You will have the opportunity to work with amazing woman to meet our AAUW goals that are important to everyone.

A huge Thank You to the Razzle Dazzle Holiday Party committee: Sherrie Moore, Joan Foster, Marlene Maksiel, Marlene De Laurenti and Shelley Jacobson, for a lovely party. Good planning equals a fabulous event. It was so great to not have to clean up and wash dishes, including the giant coffee pot, before going home. The string quartet from Alhambra High School performed beautiful music that was enjoyed by all. What a terrific group of young people! Everyone enjoyed this special evening. Check out our Website for pictures of the event.

Speaking of websites, don't forget to check out the In-

terbranch Council's (IBC) new website so you can see what other local branches are doing. It is:

<http://ccc-ibc-ca.aauw.net/>. The password for the Members Only sections is: ccc-ibc (case sensitive). Our flyers for events will also be posted on this website to share with other branches. To post a public event flyer just contact Sandy Kirkpatrick (IBC Chair) sandykirkpat@earthlink.net and Michelle Koski (IBS Vice Chair) mkphantom26@hotmail.com

with the email flyer and/or a description of the event that is open to the public. They will put it on the IBC website. In addition, don't forget to check our own branch website for current information about our Pleasant Hill-Martinez branch.

Let's enter this new year full of enthusiasm for PH-M AAUW and all that we do to advance equity for women and girls.

Happy New Year!

Trinka and Gayle

JANUARY BOARD MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016
7 PM
Home of Trinka March

Copy deadline for the February 2016 N.E.W.S. is:
January 24th

Please email copy to:
 Reba Siero rebasiero@yahoo.com

A Request from Muriel Fry

If branch members want to re-cycle their copies of Fall 2015 Outlook and 2015 Annual Report, I would like several copies of these national AAUW publication.

Thanks, Muriel

INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, January 6th, 10 am, at Margi Alkire's. PLEASE let your hostess know if you are going! We will be discussing *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Perhaps you know someone like Don Stillman? The book has a lot of funny passages and you might find yourself laughing out loud! In February, we will be discussing our classic for the year, *The Octopus*, by Frank Norris. Please plan to join us for great discussions!



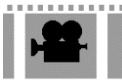
****IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, January 13th, 10 am, at Ginny Hargrave's. Our topic assignment is "My Favorite Toy." We welcome oral versions as well as written and we do NOT critique your writings. Please come and try out this Interest Section.



****LUNCHIN' LADIES** will have lunch at Le Sen Bistro in Concord on Salvio Street, 1 pm, Tuesday, January 19th. Please let Marlene know if you are planning to attend so reservations can be made. Also, let her know about a restaurant that would be fun for us to try out.



****EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, January 25th, 7 pm, at Marge Munger's. We will be discussing *The Whip* by Karen Kondazian. This is a story from the Old West about a woman impersonating a man ~ she becomes a stage coach driver ~ among other things. It is based on a true story. Please plan to join us for the discussion then.



****MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, January 28th. We are back on schedule with the 4th Thursday of the month. 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, January 15^h, 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

Fun and Friendship!!! Annual Layette Shower

Benefiting new mothers in need
in Contra Costa County

We are meeting at
Susanne Rheingruber's home.
14 Pillon Real
Pleasant Hill

January 27, 2016
10 AM

Bring lightly used or new baby needs as gifts
(do not wrap) and enjoy your friends.

RSVP to:
Gayle Miner 349-6795
Susanne Rheingruber 945-0347

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.

AAUW FUNDS

Harriett Burt and Helen Pereira
AAUW Funds VPs

It's the last chance to purchase, for yourself or for welcome gifts, the beautiful blue and/or green silk scarves lovingly dyed by Muriel, Reba and Laurel. They were a hit at state convention a couple of years ago and the few that are left will be available for \$25 each at the Soup Supper.

The applications are out for the NCCWSL grant at DVC. The Funds committee is looking forward to applications as great as last year's. The Tahoe Joe's fundraiser was successful and will go toward the cost of sending a successful applicant to Baltimore next June. We appreciate the support of all both within the Branch and beyond for our endeavors.

From the Funds historical record: Two early AAUW fellowships supporting advanced degrees for women in science as well as the arts: **1920:** AAUW members contribute to a larger effort American journalist Marie Meloney aiming to purchase one gram of radium for Nobel laureate Marie Curie. The leftover funds go to an endowment that launches the Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship and **1926:** The Margaret Maltby Endowment is established to honor Maltby, chair of the Committee on Fellowships and chair of the physics department at Barnard College. Maltby, a former AAUW European Fellow who studied at Gottingen University, also authored the History of Fellowships Awarded by AAUW, 1988-1929. The fellowship is open to any woman with a degree in the arts or sciences. Esther Caukin Brunauer, future secretary of the AAUW International Relations Committee, is the first Margaret Maltby Fellow. Check out more interesting Funds history at:

<http://history.aauw.org/fellowships-and-grants-timeline>

A Happy New Year to us all and to the PH-M Branch and its endeavors.



Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. Did you recognize this mystery woman in the custom-made hat at the Razzle Dazzle Holiday Party? See more pictures on the **Photo Page**.

Do you know any potential members? Member dues for the rest of the year, especially if joining at an event, are reduced. Check it out on the **Membership 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

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW February General Meeting

Graciela Tiscareño-Sato, a highly-decorated military veteran, bilingual STEM Consultant to K-12 school districts and a sought-after speaker on environmental entrepreneurship, leadership, innovation and the Latino educational crisis and solutions, will be the speaker at the February general meeting. She is the author of 5-time award-winning *Latinnovating: Green American Jobs and the Latinos Creating Them*, the first book showcasing Latino-led innovation and entrepreneurship in the green economy.

Ms Tiscareño-Sato will share her remarkable journey from her early years growing up in a large family, the daughter of Mexican immigrants, through her graduation from the UC Berkeley School of Environmental Design, her career in the Air force, her Master's Degree from the School of Global Commerce at Whitworth University in Spokane with the help of an AAUW Career Development Grant, the creation of her own company, Gracefully Global, and, if that weren't enough, her writing, speaking, and mentoring.

Don't miss this inspiring presentation on February 17th at 7:00 at St. Andrews Church in Pleasant Hill.

Priscilla Tudor, Program Co-VP

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Alana Macdonald and Claudia Bass
Membership VPs

We had our first new member Happy Hour in November. Everyone had a good time, and we discussed the various activities, projects and goals of AAUW. Another Happy Hour will be scheduled soon.

A big thank you goes to everyone who has brought us new prospective members this year. We are growing and thriving! We now have a total of 117 members. Dues for new members joining between now and March 15th are reduced to \$52.50. Additionally, if a new member joins "on the spot," at an AAUW function, in this time period, the dues are further reduced to \$40.25. This is a savings of almost 50%!

A really great activity to bring a prospective member to this month is the Soup Supper. Another opportunity is the Layette Shower. It is also very helpful, if you know a newer member, to call and invite her (or him!) to attend any upcoming event with you.

On a sad note, Lifetime Member Mary Baldwin died on December 7, 2015 at the age of 99. Her obituary and memorial service information is on page 6.

For those members who do not drive and would like to come to the meetings or events, the following is a list of volunteer drivers. Please contact them if you need a ride. 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

Claudia Bass, cbasslancer29@aol.com



Mary Sylvia Isaacs Baldwin

April 8, 1916~December 7, 2015

Los Gatos



Mary Sylvia Isaacs Baldwin, age 99, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2015. She was the last remaining family member of her generation. She will be missed at gatherings where she instilled in her children a love of family history and the value of education.

Mary was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the only child of John and Sylvia Isaacs. She grew up in San Diego and attended San Diego State for two years. She pledged a sorority and began some lifelong friendships. She then transferred to the University of California at Berkeley and graduated in 1937 with a major in Economics and a minor in History.

Mary worked as a secretary for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and for the Shell Development Company in San Francisco. She married then-Major John Finley Baldwin at the Presidio in San Francisco in December, 1944. After the war and John's graduation from law school, the young family made their home in Martinez, California.

In 1954, when John was elected to the U.S. Congress, the family moved to the Washington, D.C. area and eventually bought a home in Arlington, Virginia. While Mary supported her husband in his political career, her priority was always being a fulltime homemaker to her daughters. She also enjoyed leading their Girl Scout troop. When her husband died of cancer in 1966, Mary moved the family back to Martinez. She was very involved in service organizations (Cal Alumni, AAUW, the P.E.O. Sisterhood and local historical societies) and the First Congregational Church. She loved to read and traveled extensively with college and local friends, visiting Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, Egypt, Israel, New Zealand, Canada and Guatemala. In 1998 Mary relocated to The Terraces of Los Gatos where she lived for the remainder of her life. Mary is survived by two daughters: Doris (Maurice) Moberg of Los Altos and Sylvia (Paul) Dilgard of Woodland; three grandchildren: Laura (Andrew) Hershberger and Craig and Diana Moberg; and two great-grandchildren: Isaac and Siena Hershberger. She is predeceased by her husband, Congressman John F. Baldwin, Jr., and their eldest daughter, Georgia. Mary was a loving, caring and very generous mother and grandmother, and she will be dearly missed.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at the First Congregational Church, 1229 Court Street, Martinez. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's name to the First Congregational Church in Martinez or to The P.E.O. Sisterhood, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312.



Diablo Valley College Emeritus Program
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www.dvc.edu/emmeritus
emeritus@dvc.edu

Emeritus at Diablo Valley College is now accepting registrations for the spring 2016 semester. There are 56 classes from which to choose, including Bill Garrett's previously sold-out lecture series, ISIS: Historical and Religious Foundations. Classes are offered at three locations: Diablo Valley College Pleasant Hill Campus, JFK University in Pleasant Hill and Rossmoor in Walnut Creek. A variety of categories, including Art and Music, Science, Food and Wine, Health and Fitness, History, Languages, Literature and Writing, Politics, Religion and Philosophy and Tours and Travel guarantees there is a class for all interests. View our PDF brochure online at www.dvc.edu/emmeritus, or call 925-969-4316 or email emeritus@dvc.edu to request a hard copy. Classes begin February 1, so register now!

Hidden in Plain Sight: Human Trafficking in the Bay Area

Thursday, January 21, 2016, 7:00-9:00 pm

Veterans Memorial Building 400 Hartz Ave, Danville

Hidden in Plain Sight: Human Trafficking in the Bay Area will be presented by the **Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek and the San Ramon Branches of AAUW**. Learn about this modern form of slavery, what is being done to fight this crime, and what local agencies and non-profits are doing to rescue victims. **Find out what you can do to help!**

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Contra Costa County. Unfortunately, human trafficking is happening right here in our communities. Perhaps you read about the arrest last fall of a sex-trafficking ring based right here in San Ramon and Danville. California is one of the top four destination states for human trafficking, and the Bay Area is one of the top destinations in the entire country. Human trafficking disproportionately affects girls and women, which is why AAUW has focused on this issue during the last decade.

A panel of experts from Contra Costa County and the Bay Area will give you a comprehensive view of this important issue on the local level.

Speakers include:

Brian Wo – Co-Founder Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition

Aron DeFerrari – Deputy District Attorney, Contra Costa County Sexual Assault Unit

Alexandra Madsen – Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinator, Zero Tolerance Initiative, Contra Costa County

Cynthia Peterson and Carly Devlin, Community Violence Solutions

Matthew Malone, Detective, San Ramon Police Department and a trafficking survivor will attend as a guest.

Cost is \$5.00/person. Reservation and Payment are due by Jan. 18, 2016. You may pay online with your credit card at: <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/human-trafficking-2016/>. Or mail a check for \$5/person with names of attendees to Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Program, PO Box 996 Alamo, CA 94507. Contact Charla Gabert, Programs Co-Chair, dawaauw@gmail.com, with any questions.

Report suspicious activity or get more info by calling the hotline 1-888-3737-888

If you know any High School students in the OML area:

[AAUW-OML Scholarship Applications Are Online at oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net)

By Mary Ann McLeod

The Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (OML) Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is offering merit-based scholarships to graduating senior women at Acalanes, Campolindo, and Miramonte High Schools. One \$5,000 and two \$1,000 scholarships are available to seniors who maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and are committed to community service.

Two steps are required to complete the application. First fill out the online application form at oml-ca.aauw.net/scholarships/highschool-application/. Submit it online.

Second, mail in a packet, including two letters of recommendation and official transcript from the school, and the essay. Both the online application and mail in packet must be received by March 2, 2016.

Kaplan Practice SAT/ACT Test January

By Lynda Leonard

It's January and back-to-the-books time. Before your 2016 calendar fills up, ask yourself: Is my student prepared for the new college entrance exams? There is a practice test that your student can take that will help you find the answer to that question, and it might be the best \$35 you spend.

The test is a product of Kaplan TEST PREP and is designed to highlight the test-taker's strengths and weaknesses. The American As-

sociation of University Women (AAUW) Scholarship Committee has scheduled two tests, one at Miramonte High School, Orinda, on January 30, 2016 and the other at Campolindo High School, Moraga, on February 20, 2016.

But that's not all. What makes this test so valuable is a week or so later, parents and students return to receive their scores and participate in an interpretive discussion.

Kaplan's scheduled SAT/ACT practice tests:

Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda

January 30, 2016 test; February 10, 2016, follow up

Student check-in is 8:30am, at

Miramonte High School library

Space is limited; register today! Cost is \$35.

Campolindo High School, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga

February 20, 2016 test; March 3, 2016, follow up

Student check-in is 8:30am at the

Campolindo High School library

Space is limited; register today! Cost is \$35.

Bring #2 pencils, a calculator, a snack, and water.

Be prompt, doors close at 8:45am.

For more information and to register for the test, visit the website at Miramonte: oml-ca.aauw.net/mhs/ or at Campolindo: oml-ca.aauw.net/chs/.

The American Association of University Women has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For 134 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

2015–2016 LEADERSHIP TEAM

January 2016 Calendar

- Jan 6 Morning Books, 10 am, Margi Alkire
Jan 13 In Indelible Ink, 10 am, Ginny Hargrave
Jan 13 Board meeting, 7 pm, Trinka March
Jan 15 Mah Jongg, 1 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
Jan 16 Deadline for Soup Supper reservations
Jan 19 Lunchin' Ladies, 1 pm, Le Sen Bistro, Concord
Jan 20 Annual Soup Supper, 6 to 9 pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill
Jan 21 Hidden in Plain Sight: Human Trafficking in the Bay Area, Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek and San Ramon AAUW
Jan 24 N.E.W.S. deadline, Reba Siero
Jan 25 Evening Books, 7 pm, Marge Munger
Jan 27 Layette Shower, 10 am, Susanne Rheingruber
Jan 28 Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel

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HELP.....SOUP SUPPER

Our soup supper is very popular with members and guests. We will need LOTS of soup. And plenty of desserts....bars or cookies If you don't like to cook, you can help with set up or clean up.

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