

## HOPE for Homeless Students in MDUSD

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 7 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 Mary Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA

Helping homeless students pursue their education is a full-time job for Social Worker Vivica Taylor. Coordinator of the Homeless Outreach Program for Education (HOPE) in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Ms. Taylor will describe the respected decade-old program at the October 16 meeting.

Most school districts use available federal funds to offer some sort of educational support to homeless students but according to a staff member, MDUSD has been singled out by government agencies such as the County Office of Education and by various non-profits for the high level of service it provides and the donations and support it organizes according to a district employee.

740 students were in the program at the end of the 2018-19 school year. So far this school year, about 360 homeless students have been identified. Students are identified by counselors and principals as well as agencies and non-profits in the community.

The program will start at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church and will be followed by a short business meeting.

On November 20th, Carlyn Nobringer, Mayor of Concord, will speak on issues facing Concord and other cities in the county.



## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Welcome to our 3 newest members, Marianne Clark, Andrea Medina and Diane Neypes!

Thanks to all of you for a lovely kick-off at our Welcome Brunch in September. What a wonderful group of people!

October has swept in like all the falling leaves! The last couple of weeks have brought a slew of activities in my life and I've enjoyed them all. Family and crafts are just up my alley!

On to AAUW activities.

The Fund luncheon on October 6 was attended by several of our members. Please give us a summary of what you learned!

Upcoming meetings have some interesting topics. In October, we have Vivica Taylor, who is the coordinator for the HOPE program for the MDUSD, that serves the homeless student population in the district. In November, we'll hear from Carlyn Obringer, the mayor of Concord. What a great lineup of local interest.

In November, we'll elect our Nominating Committee who will form the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 year. Their work will begin in January.

December brings our Holiday Party on the 7th, and the Layette Shower on the 11th. Both are nice ways to celebrate the season.

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## AAUW FUND REPORT

Gayle Miner and Claudia Bass, AAUW Fund VPs

AAUW Fund wishes to thank you for your generous response to the solicitation letter included in your new directory. If you haven't had a chance to contribute to national AAUW Fund yet, we encourage you to donate whatever is comfortable for you. For over 130 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 women and non profit organizations in the U.S. and around the world. In 2019-20, 259 awards and \$4 million in funding for fellows and grantees were awarded through AAUW Fund.

National AAUW Fund supports Member Leadership Programs. These programs include formal leadership training, resources, and opportunities for members at the branch, state and national levels. Legal Case Support awards support legal cases in the workplace and academia that have the potential to protect all women. So your donations to National AAUW Fund really work to help and support women to succeed.

Be on the lookout for the start of our Kinder's coupon sale sometime in October. The funds we raise through the Kinder's sale help us send a DVC student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). We will send out a blast when the sale begins.

**KINDERS COUPONS WILL FIRST BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING on October 16!**

Our next Fund Committee meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 18. Call Claudia Bass or Gayle Miner if you would like to attend or learn more about AAUW Fund.

Please, write any checks to the branch:

**AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**

## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am, at Margi Alkire's. We will be discussing *Daughter of Molokai* by Alan Brennert. The story begins briefly on Molokai, then Honolulu and finally California ~ a poignant story of a Japanese family and the prejudices they face. In November, we will be discussing *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy. Plan to join us!



**\*\*IN INDELIBLE INK** invites you to coffee on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, at Ginny Hargrave's. Bring your own coffee mug ~ a mug that tells a story you might share. Perhaps a place you have visited, your college, something from your children, etc. No writing necessary!



**\*\*LUNCHIN' LADIES** will go to lunch on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm, at Hideout Kitchen & Café, 3406 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. We had to cancel this restaurant a few months ago, so we'll try again! Bring suggestions for other restaurants. Please call Marlene 689-5439 OR [marlene@maksel.us](mailto:marlene@maksel.us) by the 14<sup>th</sup> so reservations can



**\*\*EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, in the Brookview Clubhouse. We will be discussing *Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. This is an amazing story about the actress Hedy Lamarr and the crucial part she played in WWII. In November, we will be discussing *IQ* by Joe Ide. Join us for great discussions.



**\*\*MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Details will come by email the Monday prior. Call Marlene (689-5439), if you have any suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the film after over coffee, other liquid refreshment, or frozen yogurt ~ sometimes, lunch!

## OTHER GROUPS



### **\*\*MAH JONGG**

COME PLAY MAH JONGG!

Mah Jongg will meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Brookview Clubhouse. There is a \$2.00 per person charge for the clubhouse rental. If you don't know how to play Mah Jongg, but would like to learn, we will be happy to teach you.

Reservations are a must each month. Contact: Suzanne Salter at (925) 935-0861, [seabear2@msn.com](mailto:seabear2@msn.com)

Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795, [gayle.miner@yahoo.com](mailto:gayle.miner@yahoo.com)

We play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. We would love to have you join our group.



### **\*\*GRAND SLAMMERS**

, a social bridge group, plays on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 at the Brookview Club House. This month we meet on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Each player pays \$5, which covers \$3 for our Local Scholarship Fund and \$2 for facility use. All player levels are welcome, members and non-members.

Contact Marlene DeLaurenti at [mdl@astound.net](mailto:mdl@astound.net) or (925) 934-4171 if you are interested in playing.

**OCTOBER BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Trinka March's home**

**Copy deadline for the**  
**November 2019 N.E.W.S.**

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please email copy to:

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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe, Membership VPs

On Saturday, September 7 we had our September Brunch at Marilyn and Jim Thelen's. It was a cool morning and it was a wonderful way to welcome back members for the 2019-2020 year! Thank you to everyone who attend our Brunch.

The members attending the brunch were joined by the Tech Trek Girls and their parents. It was inspiring to listen to the Trekkers share stories of the experiences they enjoyed at their Math and Science Camp this past summer. It is rewarding to our branch membership to see how these young girls benefit from their participation in this program. The parents of Emilia Costa, Avery Greenwood, and Bianca Medina (represented by her mother Andrea) should be very proud of their daughters.

We welcomed guests who became new members, Marianne Clark, Andrea Medina, and Diane Neypes. Other guests were Karen Ballard (Bea Ball), Vicki Acquistapace, Rita Moscuza (Sara Tancredy), and Lili Eshtehar who represented our branch at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). She entered the University of California at Berkeley to study Psychology.

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered their help for our kick off brunch. At first the task appeared overwhelming but soon found that many hands make lite work. First, thank you to our setup committee. You should see Reba Siero and Gayle Minor set up and take down the shade structures. A huge thanks to the husbands who lifted and toted, George March, Chuck Murphy, Gordon Haynes, and Harris Miner (Gayle's grandson). Thanks to Pat Harris who arrived with everything needed for coffee service. Thank you to Cheryl Buscaglia who oversaw the brunch set up with all the delicious dishes members brought. Thank you to Marilyn Thelen who was a gracious and welcoming hostess. Thank you to Janet Sullivan who did a fantastic job handing out the directories.

Kathleen and I thank each and every one of you!

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thropy and research**



## Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. Check out the photos from our **September Brunch** on the **Photos Page**. Take a look at our upcoming **Programs and Events** on the Program Page.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Remember to press F5 to get the most current version of each page. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the **About Us Page**.

**Sherrie Moore, webmaster**

### Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Holiday Party

Yes, there will be a **Pleasant Hill-Martinez Holiday Party** for branch members and guests! Save the date: **Saturday, December 7**. It will be a catered dinner to be held at Brookview Clubhouse, with the social time starting at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner served at 6:30.

Watch for more details in next month's issue! In the November N.E.W.S. you will learn the price, how to reserve your spot, what to expect, and more! Plan on coming!





The show opens on a bare stage, save for an odd red-and-white-striped hat in the center. A small boy wanders into view and notices the hat, wondering to whom it might belong. He finally mentions [the Cat in the Hat](#), who appears before the Boy and tells him he has been brought to life by the Boy's "[Thinks](#)". The Cat creates the "Seussian" world and characters around the boy and himself ("Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!"), then reveals he is about to tell a story about someone as imaginative as the Boy is.

Come join us to see the rest of the Story of Seussical the Musical!

**October 20, Sunday matinee at 2:30pm**

Enjoy the day with us! Bring friends! **Support Tech Trek!**

**Cost: \$30**

**Please send your check to: Trinkia March, 650 Linden Lane, Martinez, CA**

The sooner I get the checks, the better seats we can get!! **By October 13** at the latest!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**PH-M AAUW**  
**ANNUAL LAYETTE SHOWER**  
**Susan Rheingruber's home**  
**14 Pillon Real, Pleasant Hill**  
**Wednesday, December 11th 10 AM**

## **SUNSHINE**

Gayle Garrison

Sunshine likes to send cards to members, however, I do not always know who is ill or might just need a "thinking of you" card. Please call and let me know, as several calls are better than none.

Gayle Garrison

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## 2019–2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### October 2019 and beyond

- Oct 2** Morning Books, 10 pm,  
**Oct 6** AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon, East Bay, 12 pm,  
Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville  
**Oct 9** In Indelible Ink, 10 am, Ginny Hargrave's  
**Oct 10** Board meeting, 7 pm, Trinka March's  
THURSDAY!!  
**Oct 14** Grand Slammers Bridge, 12:30 pm,  
Brookview Clubhouse  
**Oct 15** Lunchin' Ladies, 1 pm,  
RSVP to Marlene Maksel before Oct 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Oct 16** October meeting, 7 pm, St Andrew's,  
How Mt Diablo USD aids homeless students  
**Oct 18** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Oct 24** Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel  
**Oct 25** October 2019 N.E.W.S. deadline to Reba  
**Oct 28** Evening Books, 7 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Nov 13** Board meeting, 7 pm, Trinka March's  
**Nov 20** November meeting, 7 pm, St Andrew's  
Mayor of Concord, Carlyn Obringer  
**Nov 26** CCC IBC meeting  
**Dec 7** Holiday Party, 6 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Dec 11** Layette Shower, 10 am, Susan Rheingruber's  
**Mar 31** AAUW Fund Game Day (tentative)  
**Jan 28, Mar 24, May 26** CCC IBC meetings

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