

INTERNATIONAL SOUP SUPPER

Hiro Okawachi



Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 St. Mary's Drive, Pleasant Hill

Our Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch will hold its Annual International Soup Supper on January 15, 2020 followed by our speaker, Hiro Okawachi. Many of you will remember Hiro as a biology teacher at Alhambra High for many years. He was a child living in Martinez when World War II began. Hiro and his family were relocated to the Santa Rita Camp in Topaz, Utah. His memories of that time are not only vivid but very interesting. You won't want to miss it!

Please join us for hearty, homemade soups, breads and desserts. Coffee, tea and water will be provided, but be sure to **bring your own soup bowl and spoon.** Dinner starts promptly at 6 pm. Each AAUW member may provide a crockpot of soup serving 10-12 or pay \$10 at the door. (We have enough bread and desserts!)

Spouses, mates and friends are most welcome.

Reservations are required!

Contact Nancy Hobert (925) 228-7271 or Marilyn Thelen (925) 228-2600 to reserve a spot!



## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

I hope you had a lovely holiday season, with time for family and for yourself. I find that taking some quiet time for me, as the days shorten and get cold and wet, is a great way to prepare for jumping into the New Year!

The Silver Bells Holiday Party was a wonderful success. The planning committee did a superb job on all the beautiful aspects of the gathering. Thank you!

I am looking forward to our International Soup Supper on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember that we begin eating at 6 pm and then hear from our guest speaker, Hiro Okawachi. I always enjoy the various delicious soup offerings and desserts, fellowship with my AAUW family, and learning something new. Don't forget your soup bowl and spoon!

Congratulations to the Fund committee for their successful fundraising efforts! Check out the details in the Fund article.

The SAM (Study Art and Music) program is gearing up for presentations at Fair Oaks Elementary School in March.

Maybe this is the time to find an interest section in which to participate. Learn a new game. Read a new book. See a new movie. Have lunch at a new place. The sky's the limit!

Until we gather again!

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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe,  
Membership VPs

Hello Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Friends,  
The membership committee needs your help. We have one wonderful new member this year and would really appreciate your suggestions for some additional new members.

You are our best resource. Please think about who you can invite and bring to one of our meetings. Thank you.

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## 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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***JANUARY BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020***

**7:00 PM**

***Trinka March's home***

**Copy deadline for the  
February 2020 N.E.W.S.**

**Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Please email copy to:

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(925) 917-1061

## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 10 am, at Beverly Diefenbacher's. We will be discussing *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. This autobiography traces the life of the former First Lady from birth through life at The White House. In February, we will be discussing our classic with two stories by Mark Twain ~*Life on the Mississippi* & *Roughing It*. ~ you can read both, or just one. Plan to join us!



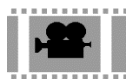
**\*\*IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in January.



**\*\*LUNCHIN' LADIES** will go to lunch on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 pm, at Il Fornaio in WC. Please let Marlene know before Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to attend, so reservations can be made. Also, please call Marlene 689-5439 OR [marlene@maksel.us](mailto:marlene@maksel.us) with suggestions for restaurants in this new year.



**\*\*EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, at Brookview Clubhouse. We will be discussing *Becoming* by Michele Obama. Join us for great discussions.



**\*\*MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</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!



Pleasant Hill-Martinez (CA) Branch

**Advancing equity for women and girls  
through advocacy, education, philan-  
thropy and research**

## OTHER GROUPS



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

COME PLAY MAH JONGG!

Mah Jongg will meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, January 17<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,

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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, January 13<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.



Muriel Knox Fry

October 11, 1935 - November 14, 2019

Lafayette

A memorial service is planned for Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC) on Jan 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the LOPC Children and Youth Ministry, the LOPC Congo Team, or the AAUW Tech Trek Special Project Fund.

## AAUW FUND

Claudia Bass and Gayle Miner, AAUW Fund VPs

Thanks to everyone that responded to the solicitation letter. Everyone was so generous. Checks to the amount of \$2,835.00 were sent directly to national AAUW Fund to support their various programs. One of the programs that AAUW Fund supports is the College /University (C/U) Partnerships. For colleges and universities who are partners, students are eligible for a free national membership and access to AAUW grants and fellowships, leadership training, professional development and advocacy tools. Another program is the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund which supports research on gender equity in education and the workplace.

Our other fundraiser was a success also. We were able to raise \$1,141.00 from the Kinder's coupon sales which is enough to send a student from DVC to NCCWSL which is a wonderful experience for the student.

Applications for NCCWSL have been picked up from DVC. The next step is for the committee to review them and make their selection on who will be sent. This is always difficult as all of them are deserving to go and Shari from DVC says it is the case this year. If you are interested in helping with the selection let Gayle and Claudia know. We will be meeting January 10<sup>th</sup> to make our final decision.

Mark your calendar on March 31<sup>st</sup> to participate in Game Day. Proceeds go to Legal Advocacy Fund known as LAF. More information will be coming.

Our next meeting will be January 20, 2020 at Claudia Bass' home at 2:30 pm. We would love to have new members on the committee. Let Gayle or Claudia know if you are interested.

**Again a big thank you to all those who have supported AAUW Fund and the mission of AAUW.**

Claudia Bass at (925) 372-8679 or Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795



## **SAM at Fair Oaks in March**

Would you like to be a SAM volunteer? We are creating a curriculum for our SAM (Study Art and Music) Program for Fair Oaks Elementary School for March, and will be sending around a sign-up sheet this month. Our lesson plan always includes an artist and a composer.

Your duties will be pretty simple -- help us set up and clean up and then admire the work of the students. We will teach TK (Transitional Kindergarten) thru 5th grade, and 2 Special Ed classes (SDC).

We are planning another workday in February where we will prepare the materials for the students.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer. So far we have 23 volunteers on our list. It is lots of fun and rewarding.

Sherrie Moore, Barbara Minneman, and Diane Coventry





## 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 **Silver Bells Holiday Party** on the **Photos Page**. See pictures from the **Layette Shower** on the **Community Action 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**

# January



The Planning Committee

## SILVER BELLS HOLIDAY PARTY WRAP

On December 7, we had our Silver Bells Holiday Party in the beautifully decorated Club House of Brookview. With our added blue tablecloths and silver bells, the club house looked amazing.

Forty six attended, which was down from last year's 53, but all felt the party was a great success. First came wine and appetizers, then a beautiful buffet dinner by Catering By Cynthia (Cynthia Espinoza), followed by a served dessert. Delicious!

The highlight was the singing quartet, Any Wednesday, starring our own Carol Walsh! The group was fun and funny and sang beautifully. They entertained us with all kinds of holiday music.

Thanks to the committee and to the party-goers. Who knows what kind of holiday party 2020 will bring!?



Happy partygoers!



Any Wednesday Quartet



Our wonderful caterers

## 2019–2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### January 2020 and beyond

- Jan 8 Morning Books, 10 am, Beverly Diefenbacher's  
Jan 8 Board meeting, 7 pm, Trinkia March's  
Jan 13 Grand Slammers Bridge, 12:30 pm,  
Brookview Clubhouse  
Jan 15 International Soup Supper, 6 pm,  
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Jan 17 Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
Jan 20 AAUW Fund meeting, 2:30 pm, Claudia Bass'  
Jan 21 Lunchin' Ladies, 1 pm, Il Fornaio, WC  
RSVP to Marlene Maksel by Jan 19  
Jan 23 Matinee Idle, call Marlene Maksel  
Jan 27 Evening Books, 7 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
Jan 27 February 2020 N.E.W.S. deadline to Reba  
Jan 28, Mar 24, May 26 CCC IBC meetings  
Mar 31 AAUW Fund Game Day



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