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## Annual Officer Installation, Scholarship Recipients and Branch Recognitions

Saturday, June 6, 2020 - 10 am  
Your Home, via Zoom!

After some discussion at the May board meeting, we decided to have our officer installation as a Zoom meeting on the same date and time as our previously scheduled in-person gathering, June 6th at 10 am. The Local Scholarship winners will be invited to join us, so that we might recognize their achievements. We hope they can let us know what their plans are for the fall. The Zoom meeting will be set up and all members will be notified by email with the details and the Local Scholarship Committee will invite the winners to join us. The installation itself will be brief. The recipient of the Barbara Newacheck Award and our Named Gift Honorees will be presented. And we will honor our two newest 50-year lifetime members. Plan to join us on Zoom!

### Congratulations to our Officers elected during our April Zoom meeting for our 2020-2021 year

**President:** Gayle Miner and Reba Siero

**Program Vice Presidents:** Harriett Burt and Helen Pereira

**Membership Vice Presidents:** SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe

**AAUW Fund (EF) Vice Presidents:** Jennifer Apkarian and Claudia Bass

**Secretary:** Sue Trebino

**Treasurer:** Trinkia March

Janice Walker, Parliamentarian



## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Though we have not been able to meet in person, some of us have been able to see each other on Zoom! Morning Books met in early May and it looked like it was a success! Our board meetings have been on Zoom and they work pretty well.

I know it's not for everyone, but it is one way to connect in this challenging time.

I look forward to working with Gayle as Co-President in the coming year, and appreciate each of our board members and each of you as we have tried new things this Spring!

If I missed getting any information into this newsletter, please let me know and I'll send it as a blast. Until our Zoom Installation, Awards and Recognitions meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, stay well and keep safe.

Reba

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## BOOK EXCHANGE/Round Robin

### 1st CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2020 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; pass your book to the next member each month; and then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

We certainly would welcome additional members, as we just had 2 Exchanges last year. (You can purchase 2 - or potentially 3 books - to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!) Please call with any questions.

Please contact Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528 (Home) or 286-2223 (Cell) or [mkhbibliophile@aol.com](mailto:mkhbibliophile@aol.com) with your selected title and author **PRIOR** to purchasing your book. Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.

## AAUW FUND

Claudia Bass and Gayle Miner, AAUW Fund VPs

Well it has been obvious that Game Day did not happen. It is postponed until further notice. By the time we can have it we will be READY to be together and have fun. At the same time we will raise funds for LAF.

Legal Advocacy Fund is an important part of AAUW Fund. It challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the work place. Funds are provided for individuals that are actively pursuing sex discrimination through the legal system to pay for legal costs. Also LAF grants provide funds to pay for travel expenses for AAUW supported plaintiffs to speak at state conventions or regional meetings.

Unfortunately NCCWSL this year has been cancelled. Our DVC student Desiree Maurino was understandably disappointed but understood. She has been accepted at CSU Northridge (one of her first choices) pursuing her dream of becoming a radiologist and is waiting to hear from other schools. We wish her well and will keep in contact. The registration fee will be held over for next year and we have a credit for our airfare.

In closing, we wish everyone to stay safe, healthy and retain your sanity.

Our next Fund meeting will be July 20, at 2:30 pm, exactly how is TBD! Call Claudia Bass if you wish to attend.

## 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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## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS

### ALL IN PERSON MEETINGS CANCELLED



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** met on May 6 using Zoom! The book was Trevor Noah's *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*. At this point, the annual potluck salad luncheon on Wednesday **JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>** is cancelled. However, we do plan to meet via Zoom on the **3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 am**, to discuss the April book that we missed, Dani Shapiro's *Inheritance*. **NOTE:** The Book Selection committee will plan to meet in July ~ if you are interested, please let Marlene know.



**\*\*IN INDELIBLE INK** is discontinued until further notice ~ if you are interested in this section, please let Marlene Maksel know.



**\*\*LUNCHIN' LADIES** did **NOT** meet on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This section will not meet again until, hopefully, September. If that changes, you will be notified by email. Please call Marlene 689-5439 OR [marlene@maksiel.us](mailto:marlene@maksiel.us) with suggestions for restaurants to try out in the fall.



**\*\*EVENING BOOKS** does **NOT** meet in May due to the Memorial Day holiday. Normally we would be planning our final dinner meeting on Monday, **JUNE 1**, but those plans are on "hold" for now. If we can meet at a local restaurant, you will be notified by email.



**\*\*MATINEE IDLE** will **NOT** go to the movies on Thursday; May 28. Hopefully, we will be able to see a movie in June ~ 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!

Please, write any checks to the branch:  
**AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**

## OTHER GROUPS



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

COME PLAY MAH JONGG!

Mah Jongg will **NOT** meet this month due to Shelter at Home orders

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:

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[seabear92020@outlook.com](mailto:seabear92020@outlook.com)

Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795,

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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's meeting is **CANCELLED** due to Shelter at Home orders.

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.

### **JUNE JOINT BOARD MEETING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE**

**Copy deadline for the  
July/August 2020 N.E.W.S.**

**Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

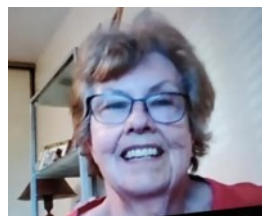
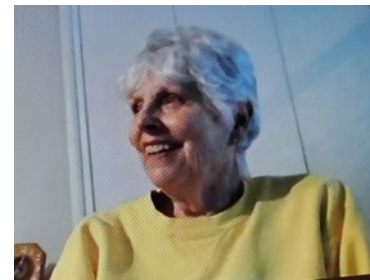
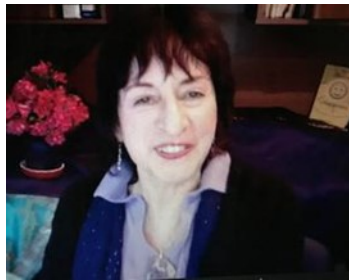
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## Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. Check out the photos from our **April Program** using Zoom on the **Photos 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**

### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe, Membership VPs

Your membership committee is delighted to announce that we have received 82 membership renewals. Congratulations to Margie Pruitt whose name was pulled for the early bird prize. There are 25 additional members we would appreciate hearing from. Please send in your renewal or, it would be especially nice if you let us know if you will not be joining us next year.

Renewing online at the AAUW National website is pretty straightforward! If you renew this way, please let us know, so that we can look for your renewal from National.

Here's a mini-tutorial!

Enter <https://www.aauw.org/membership/> into your web browser

Click on "Membership Services Database". This will bring you to a Login page. If you are an existing user, you will enter your AAUW Member ID and password. If you need to create an account, just follow the directions. You can even enter your name, state and zip code to retrieve your AAUW Member ID!

Once you are logged in, this brings you to the Access Membership Services Database and on the left hand side are several options for looking up info and doing things. Near the bottom of the list is "Renew My Membership", under Membership Payment Program (MPP). Click on "Renew My Membership" and it will bring you to a page where you can enter your credit card information for payment. Thank you!

SarahJoy Haynes

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## TECH TREK TIDINGS

Diane Coventry, [diane.coventry@yahoo.com](mailto:diane.coventry@yahoo.com)

Life moves forward as we navigate through these 'new normal' times. Even though Tech Trek Camp 2020 was cancelled branches completed the camper selection process and we chose our six finalists. They are Elizabeth McCauley, Jaap Kaur, and Chiara Ke from Martinez Junior High, Morgan Short from Valley View, Sophia Mac from Sequoia Middle, and Afra Sadeghi from Pleasant Hill Middle. Two alternates are Grace Leach (MJH) and Sarah Samhan (PHM). These girls will not be attending camp this year, but we hope to offer them some alternatives, possible digital formats, to keep their interest in STEM alive as they move forward in their education. It was decided (through voting and AAUW State Board of Directors) that the 2020 candidates will not be attending camp in 2021. New campers will be nominated and selected. We hope to invite the girls and their families to our Welcome Back Brunch in the Fall, depending on the rules of socialization.

Thank you to our membership for supporting the Tech Trek Program. And a big thank you to the Tech Trek Committee for their perseverance and patience with the challenges of interviewing and selecting our Trekkers this year.

We received this information from our Tech Trek CA leadership team in April:

It is with consideration for the safety of the girls and our branch members and volunteers that AAUW California announced the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Tech Trek camp season. While the coronavirus situation is ever evolving, it is clear at this time that the risk of contracting the coronavirus will be with us for a while – particularly in close quarters areas such as college/university facilities.

Our Tech Trek campers' health and wellbeing is always our top priority. AAUW California is so grateful for the continued commitment of our members and schools to Tech Trek. Your participation in helping rising middle school girls realize their dreams and aspirations is invaluable to the program.

We thank you for your time and commitment – you have truly made a difference in the lives of countless girls.

We know you'll continue to provide wonderful experiences for girls after the nation and the globe recovers from this health pandemic.

A note from Nancy Hobert

I was in Ace Hardware this morning, when the woman behind me asked if I volunteered at the Food Bank. I said, no, but I was thinking about sending them a check because of the food problems many people are having. She said that would be wonderful because they have almost run out of food and Leshar is matching any \$\$\$ donated this month of May 2020. The demand has been tremendous.

The address is:

Food Bank of Contra Costa County  
4010 Nelson Avenue  
Concord, CA 94520

I hope you will find it in your hearts and wallets to send them a little something!

Nancy

## 2019–2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### May 2020 and Beyond

### Stay Tuned for Updates!

- May 6** Morning Books, 10 am, Zoom  
**May 13** Board meeting, 7 pm, Zoom  
**May 26** CCC IBC meeting, 4 pm, Zoom  
**June 3** Morning Books, 10 am, Zoom  
**June 6** Installation/Presentations, 10 am, Zoom  
**June 7** Tech Trek Ice Cream Social - CANCELLED  
**June 10** Joint Board meeting, CANCELLED  
**July 1** July/August N.E.W.S. deadline for articles  
**July 20** Fund Committee meeting, 2:30 pm,  
How is TBD!



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