

**Jingle and Mingle 2022 Holiday Party
Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW!**

We had forty people sign up, and we all had a wonderful time, thanks to the delicious food, the music by Any Wednesday, and Sandy's famous box game. Thanks to those who attended.

Here is a picture of most of the committee (taken after the party) and one of Cynthia Espinoza, of Catering by Cynthia, our caterer par excellence!



Happy Jingling to you all! from the committee - Margi Alkire, Bea Ball, Beverly Diefenbacher, SarahJoy Haynes, Shelley Jacobson, Beth Madruga, Marlene Maksel, Ish Mendonsa, Janet Sullivan, Marilyn Thelen, and Sandra Wolfe





PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Happy Holidays everyone! Our AAUW branch gathered together for a holiday party on December 3 at Brookview Clubhouse. It was a fun-filled evening.

Thank you to our Jingle and Mingle party committee for their efforts to make this party happen. Our big event in January is the International Soup Supper. Mark your calendar and make your reservation for January 18, 2023. Look in this newsletter for details about the Soup Supper. I hope to see you there. The Soup Supper committee has been working to make this event very enjoyable indeed.

There is no board meeting in December, the board will meet again on January 11, 2023. January 11th is also the date of the Layette Shower at 10:00 A.M., so mark that on your calendar also.

No matter what you celebrate in the month of December, I wish you all good health and happy times with family and friends.

Gayle Miner
2022-23 President



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Nominating Committee Report

We need two more people who are a part of our General Membership to agree to be a part of the Nominating Committee for the year 2023.

At this time, the Committee should have already been in place with 5 members, minimum, but presently we have only 3. Technically there should be also 2 alternates. In order for our Branch to continue to exist, we need a certain number of officers in certain positions. If there are no officers, then we have no Branch. If we don't have a Nominating Committee with the required number of members, we cannot nominate officers, and therefore not elect them. Please ponder this situation seriously and give me a call with your consent to be on this committee.

Thank you,
Helen Pereira, Parliamentarian
(925) 285-1766

NO DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2022

7 PM

Trinka March's home and Zoom

Copy deadline for the

January 2023 N.E.W.S.

WEDNESDAY, December 28th

Please email copy to:

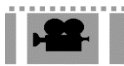
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INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday the 7th, 10 am, at Sandy Wolfe's. We will be discussing Dominic Smith's *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos*. This book is about the story behind a painting, a forgery, and other events that encompass several 100 years. Please let Sandy know if you will be attending. In January we will be reading *Green Lights* by Matthew McConaughey.. Please plan to join us!



****MATINEE IDLE** will take a recess due to the holidays and will plan to view a movie in January on the 4th Thursday ~26th. You will be notified of the movie, time and place on the Monday before the 26th. Please call Marlene Maksiel if you are interested in attending.



****LUNCHIN' LADIES**

will go to lunch on:

Monday, December 19 at 12:30 PM at Wence's, Pleasant Hill

Monday, January 16 at 12:30 PM at Metro, Lafayette

Reserve your space by the Monday BEFORE each date with Gayle Miner, (925) 349-6795 hm. or (925) 788-3272 cell, so she can make reservations in a timely manner.

OTHER GROUPS



****MAH JONGG** will meet on Friday, December 16th at the Brookview Clubhouse, 12:30 PM. We will meet next on January 20th at 12:30 PM. Please let Suzanne Salter know if you plan to attend. Her contact information is:
Suzanne Salter
seabear92020@outlook.com
(925) 988-0322 (cell)



****GRAND SLAMMERS**

For information, contact:

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SUNSHINE

Gayle Garrison

If you know of any member who needs a bit of sunshine, please let me know!

Gayle Garrison

tarheel61@yahoo.com or (925) 798-7528





Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. Check out the pictures from our **November Program** on the **Photo Page**. See our current list of Programs, Activities, and Fundraisers 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

AAUW FUND REPORT

Claudia Bass and Carolynn Barcklay, AAUW Fund VPs

We are pleased that our Kinder's gift card sale was a huge success. All 125 gift cards were sold out halfway through the sale. As a result, we made a profit of \$562.50. Thank you to everyone who purchased them and helped make our fundraiser a success.

There is still time to send your contribution for AAUW Fund which goes to national (solicitation letter). It is being encouraged to designate your donation to greatest needs. This gives flexibility on funding needed for programs to promote equity for women and girls. Any contribution for any category is appreciated. The deadline for sending your check to Carolynn is December 16, 2022. Thank you to all of those that have contributed so far. It does make a difference in women's and girl's lives.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and see you next year.

Claudia Bass at (925) 372-8679 or cbasslancer29@aol.com

Carolynn Barcklay at (925) 682-7552 or cbarcklay@hotmail.com



**PH-M AAUW
ANNUAL LAYETTE SHOWER**

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 10 AM

It's almost time! The 2023 Layette Shower will be on Wednesday, January 11, at 10:00 AM, in person, at Janice Walker's, 524 Monti Circle, PH. Layette items will benefit the Hillcrest Layette Program, which requests anything a little one can use, except newborn, and under 7lb sizes. Please contact me by phone, 925-827-3374 or sandjwalk@comcast.net, if you intend to be a part of the shower. If you can't participate on the 11th but would like to make a contribution, you can drop it off prior to the shower or let me know you have an item and we can arrange a pickup. Margi Alkire was able to share some information about the beginning of the layette project. It was started many years ago by Jean Hambleton, an active member of Hillcrest Congregational Church. Her memory lives on with this project which has helped many of those in need. So, join me on the 11th of January and help us make this year's Layette Shower a positive beginning to the new year! I hope to see you then!

Janice Walker



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 2023. Our lesson plan always includes an artist and a composer, and this year we will be studying the artist Carmen Lomas Garza and Rebeca Mauleon is our 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 a workday in March where we will prepare the materials for the students.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer. So far, we have 20 volunteers on our list. It is lots of fun and rewarding.

Sherrie Moore, Barbara Minneman, and Helen Pereira





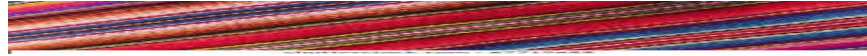
Thanks to everyone who attended *Witness for the Prosecution*. What a wild ride – so many twists and turns, and the ending was shocking! It made for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, and we raised \$255 for Local Scholarship

and Tech Trek! Save the date for our next play, a musical – *Freaky Friday* on March 26, 2023.

COFFEE KLATCH KICKOFF

The annual Coffee Klatch is the major fundraiser for Local Scholarship. Thanks to your generosity last year, we were able to give \$1000 scholarships to five seniors from local high schools. We will be distributing the solicitation letters at the Soup Supper on January 18.





International Soup Supper
Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6 PM
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill

Please join us for hearty, homemade soups, breads, and desserts at our AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch Annual International Soup Supper.

Coffee, water, and tea will be provided

Be sure to bring your own soup bowl and spoon.

Dinner starts promptly at 6PM, and remember that spouses, partners, and friends are most welcome.

Our speaker for the evening is Evelyn LaTorre. Evelyn joined the Peace Corps upon graduation from Holy Names and was assigned to Peru where she taught PE, English and organized 4-H clubs. Evelyn's books about her experiences will be available for sale.

**Let us know if you would like to bring
a pot of soup serving 10-12 people or bread or dessert
OR pay \$10. All guests pay \$10.**

**We are having a raffle to support Tech Trek.
1 for \$1, 8 for \$5, 15 for \$10, so bring some cash and have some fun!
Contact Diane Coventry if you would like to donate any raffle items.**

Contact Suzanne Salter 925 988-0322 or seabear92020@outlook.com

to pay and indicate number of guests

RSVP & pay by January 12th (make checks to AAUW Pleasant Hill - Martinez Branch)

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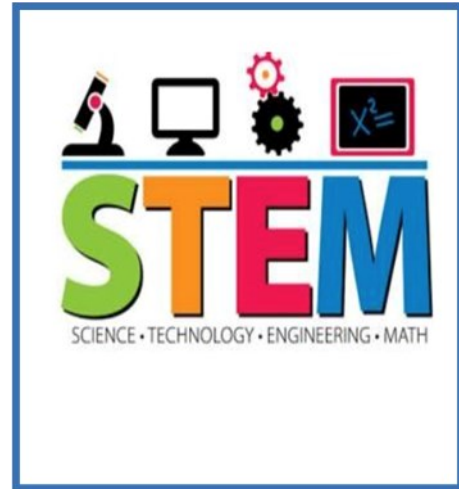
Hope to see you there!



Tech Trek Tidings

Tech Trek Sonoma State

June 18 – 24!!



Tech Trek will be 25 in 2023! A whole new generation of daughters of Tech Trek alumnae may be in the next few batches of campers we select!

Our committee is getting ready to launch our search for campers for 2023. The date is set June 18-24, at Sonoma State University. We are looking forward to selecting 5-6 girls by March. Candidates are nominated by their STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, or Math) Teacher. Five girls will be nominated in January from each of our four local schools – Martinez JH, Valley View, Pleasant Hill Middle, and Sequoia Middle.

We are excited to announce that our 2022 Trekkers have been invited to attend our Soup Supper in January! (See flyer in this newsletter.) They will be selling raffle tickets for our Tech Trek fundraiser.

Please consider donating an item for the raffle. Let me know by January 12, what you wish to contribute. I will be donating a Sonoma State cheese cutting board and a bottle of wine. I hear there will be a book basket and an animal basket. Perhaps you received a gift that you would like to regift - according to Ms. Manners, this would be perfectly acceptable for a donation!

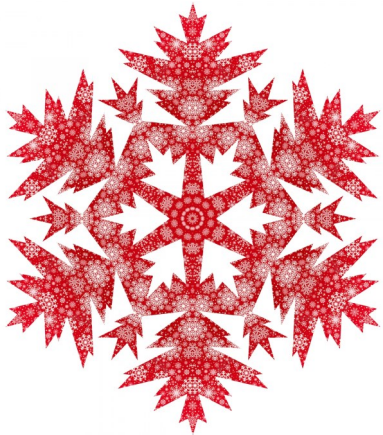
Happy Holidays – we look forward to seeing you at the Soup Supper.

-~Diane Coventry, diane.coventry@yahoo.com, 510-912-9306

2022-2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dec 2022/Jan 2023 & beyond

- Dec 3** Holiday Party, Jingle and Mingle, 5 pm,
Brookview Clubhouse
Happy Holidays to everyone!
- Dec 7** Morning Books, 10 am, Sandy Wolfe's home
- Dec 16** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- Dec 19** Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, Wence's, PH
- Dec 28** January N.E.W.S. deadline
- Jan 4** Morning Books, 10 am
- Jan 11** Layette Shower, 10 am, Janice Walker's home
- Jan 11** Board Meeting, 7 pm, Trinkia March's home
- Jan 16** Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, Metro, Lafayette
- Jan 18** International Soup Supper, 6 pm,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- Jan 20** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- Jan 26** Matinee Idle returns!
- Mar** SAM at Fair Oaks



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