

Gordon Fosty

Global Warming

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 St. Mary's Drive, Pleasant Hill

or on Zoom!



Gordon Fosty is a resident of Pleasant Hill, who will speak to us about Global Warming during our February meeting. He has been married to his wonderful wife, Maureen, since 1966. They raised 2 daughters and have 3 grandsons, the youngest of whom will be a high school senior this year.

He graduated with Honors from the University of British Columbia in Applied Science in 1970. He was awarded the Society of Chemical Industry Merit Award for highest standing of Chemical Engineering graduates, and worked for Chevron for 39 years.

As an engineer, Gordon worked in the Fire Protection Department, Oil Spill Equipment Evaluation, a Shale Oil Semiworks Project and an upgrade to the Burnaby (Canada) Refinery. He was an Engineering Manager at a Chemical Plant in Louisiana, for Chevron Shipping, Offshore Angola Production Platforms and On-shore Oil Production Mega Projects for Kazakhstan.

He was the Construction Manager for a 22 story Office Building in Denver, and implemented the Chevron Research Drug & Alcohol Policy.

He was the Project Manager for the Hawaii Refinery Acid Plant Renovation, a Plastic Plant Upgrade in Texas, various Chemical Plant Projects, Onshore and Offshore Production Projects and a Major Production/Waterflood Project for Cabinda Angola.

He retired from Chevron several times, but came back to help write an Engineering Manual, complete part of the Kazakh Mega Project and to help scope the ongoing Kazakh Future Growth Project.

For many of the projects he was the driving force behind designing, implementing and executing the Project Safety Program.

We are looking forward to his presentation on Global Warming.

Sally Whitsett and Bobbi Horack
Program VPs



PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

What a delight to see 64 members, spouses, and friends attend the January International Soup Supper on January 18 at St. Andrew's Church in Pleasant Hill. So many people to thank! A very large thank you goes to Suzanne Salter, Diane Coventry, Claudia Bass and Sherrie Moore, our committee that planned and executed this event. Also, a huge thank you to the many members who brought a great variety of soups, breads and desserts. A shout out of thanks also goes to Kathleen Woulfe who arranged the lovely floral centerpieces on each table and to Pat Harris for the beverage table. I also want to thank Claudia Bass for arranging for our speaker that evening. Evelyn La Torre spoke about her experiences in the Peace Corps in Peru. Something new was added to the Soup Supper this year – a raffle! Such a fun time was had by all for the benefit of Tech Trek. The raffle raised \$405.00 for Tech Trek. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets for this fundraiser. Since the fee for each camper has increased this year, the raffle money will help defray the cost of sending the girls to camp.

On a more serious note, at the Soup Supper, we voted to accept Claudia Bass, Sally Whitsett, Carlyn Obringer, Diane Peterson and Margi Pruitt as our Nominating Committee for the 2023-24 year. Their work is very important to our branch as they are charged with nominating our Executive Board for the 2023-24 year that begins on July 1, 2023. It is a tough task and not to be taken lightly. I thank them for their willingness to serve our branch in this capacity. Please, please, please consider serving on the Executive Board for the coming year and answer "Yes!" if you are contacted. We have Co-Chairs for most positions, so you would not serve alone. Even better, contact Helen Pereira, our Parliamentarian, and tell her you would like to serve on the Executive Board before you are called! We even have some appointed positions open for next year.

I look forward to seeing you at our future general meetings and interest groups. Make sure you check your Newsletter for dates, times and places of coming events.

Gayle Miner
2022-23 President



**Advancing equity for women and girls through
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INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, February 1st, 10 am, at Margie Pruitt's. We will be discussing Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*. What are the differences between caste and racism? Read, discuss and learn! Please let Margie know if you are planning to attend. In March, we will be discussing Kristina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World*. Please plan to join us!



****MATINEE IDLE** plans to view a movie in February on the 4th Thursday ~ 23rd. You will be notified of the movie, time and place on the Monday before the 23rd. At this point, the possible movie titles are unknown. Please call Marlene Maksel if you are interested in attending ~ also if you have a movie to recommend.



****LUNCHIN' LADIES**
will go to lunch on:
Monday, February 20 at 12:30 PM at La Piñata, 2301 Willow Pass Road, Concord (1 block off of Todos Santos Plaza)
Monday, March 20 at 12:30 PM at La Veranda Cafe, 620I Center St, Clayton
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.

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

OTHER GROUPS



****MAH JONGG** will meet on Friday, February 17th at the Brookview Clubhouse, 12:30 PM. We will meet next on March 17th 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:

Marlene De Laurenti at mdl@astound.net or (925) 934-4171



Nominating Committee Report

I am happy to report that the Nominating Committee now has enough members to function properly, finding members who will accept nominations for Board positions that require being elected by the General Membership. A most appreciated thank you to Claudia Bass, Sally Whitsett, Carlyn Obringer, Diane Peterson, and Margie Pruitt. We will be meeting in the near future to acquire nominees for Co-Presidents, Vice Presidents of Programs and Membership, and Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are called, both literally and figuratively, to be considered as one of these elected members, we will appreciate your consent to be a nominee. Thank you in advance! Be a AAUW Team Member in 2023-2024!

Most Sincerely,
Helen Pereira, Parliamentarian
(925) 285-1766



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 **International Soup Supper** on the **Photo Page**. View our photos from our Annual Layette Shower on the **Community Action 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 BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

7 PM

home and Zoom

Copy deadline for the

March 2023 N.E.W.S.

FRIDAY, February 24th

Please email copy to:

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(925) 917-1061

AAUW FUND REPORT

Claudia Bass andCarolynn Barcklay, AAUW Fund VPs

It is time to gear up and have fun playing games with fellow members. Game day is scheduled for **Thursday, March 30, 2023**, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at Brookview. Games being played are mah jongg, bridge, and Mexican train. Cost will be \$10.00 and will benefit LAF (legal advocacy fund). Snacks and beverages will be provided. Reserve your spot by contacting Carolynn Barcklay; 925-323-8229 or cbarcklay@hotmail.com, and let her know what game you will be playing. Bridge players need to reserve in groups of 4. We are looking forward to seeing many of you attending.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders(NCCWSL) will be in person this year and will be held at the University of Maryland. The dates are May 31- June 3, 2023. Applications are on the scholarship website at Diablo Valley College and we are looking forward to sending a student to this conference. Feedback from past participants were positive and the experience was worthwhile.

We will be looking at another Kinder's gift card sales in the spring. The dates we are looking at are March 15-April 12, 2023. Thank you to everyone who have purchased the gift cards and made the sale a success. Proceeds from the sale help fund a woman student from DVC to attend NCCWSL which is a great experience for her. More details will be forth coming.

All your contributions from the solicitation letter have been part of the contribution count for CA-AAUW's contributions. CA-AAUW set the goal at \$500,000. As of November, the total of CA-AAUW contributions are \$525,000 which exceeded the goal set by CA-AAUW. Your contributions do count.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that some of your checks have not been cashed or slow in being cashed. Carolynn has been sending your checks to National with the paperwork in a timely manner. Claudia has twice attended the CA AAUW Fund Zoom meetings and has brought up this concern of timely check processing at the National level. It was explained that National contracts with a company to process the checks and because of COVID they were short handed and behind. We will continue monitoring the situation as best as we can. If you have concerns, please let us know.

On a positive note, we hope to see many of you at Game Day!!!

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

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





Game Day
Thursday, March 30th
12:30 - 3:30
Brookview Clubhouse
\$10.00

Come join us for a fun afternoon playing MAH JONGG, BRIDGE or MEXICAN TRAIN with fellow members. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Proceeds will fund Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

Let Carolynn Barcklay, (925) 323-8229 or cbarcklay@hotmail.com, know if you are coming and what game you will be playing. Bridge players need to reserve in groups of 4.

Hope to see many of you there!!!!



PH-M AAUW
ANNUAL LAYETTE SHOWER

Our annual in person Layette Shower has resumed! Sixteen members were able to gather for this year's shower, while 4 additional members, unable to attend, made additional contributions. All together we had an abundance of items that were donated to the Hillcrest Layette program, which supplies public health nurses with items needed by new mothers, as they make their visits. Our contributions included 38 outfits and sleepers for boys and girls, along with handmade sweaters and hats. Eight beautiful handmade quilts were donated, as well as baby blankets with matching hats, socks and towels. Plus, over 300 diapers and 150 wipes were included in our donation. In this time when so many are in need, it's wonderful that our generous members are there to provide support. What a great way to start the new year! Thank You!

Janice Walker



SAM at Fair Oaks in March

Our SAM (Study Art and Music) Program for Fair Oaks Elementary School is set for March 20th - the 30th in the mornings. This year we will be studying the artist Carmen Lomas Garza and Rebeca Mauleon is our composer.

Volunteer duties include helping us set up and clean up and admire the work of the students. We will teach TK (Transitional Kindergarten) thru 5th grade, and 3 Special Ed classes (SDC).

We are planning a workday on Thursday March 9th from 10 - 12 where we will orient you as to what we will be teaching. A sign-up sheet for our volunteers will be sent out shortly thru email to determine in which classes you would like to help out.

So far, we have 20+ volunteers on our list. It's lots of fun and rewarding. More details to come.

Sherrie Moore, Barbara Minneman, and Helen Pereira



The beloved Disney movie is now a musical! Bring your family and join us Sunday, MARCH 26, at 2:30 PM for this fun show. Tickets are \$30. Contact Virginia Hewgley (925-768-4417 or vhewgley@astound.net) by March 10 if you would like to join us!

All proceeds will be split between Local Scholarship and Tech Trek.



Thank you to everyone who responded to our October survey!

In light of your responses, our Board is taking the following actions:

- *Exploring low-cost venues for occasional daytime or weekend meetings.
- *Posting information on Facebook (phmaauw), Instagram (phm_aauw), and Nextdoor (Pleasant Hill – Martinez AAUW).
- *Looking into ideas for speakers and programs aligned with AAUW’s vision.
- *Gathering ideas for local events where we can increase our visibility in the local community.

What can you do to help?

- *Like and follow our posts on social media.
- *Respond to our next short (2 questions) survey at <https://forms.gle/N4cbBE6a6z7ZvmkD7>
- *Say “yes” to the Nominating Committee if they call on you to take a position next year.

We appreciate your help in keeping our branch viable for the future!

-Virginia Hewgley, Communications Chair



It's Coffee Klatch Time!

For those of you who are new members, the Coffee Klatch is the primary fundraiser for the Local Scholarships Committee. Each year we provide \$1000 scholarships to senior girls at College Park and Alhambra High. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to provide 5 scholarships to deserving young women last year. We hope you can help us keep this PH/M AAUW tradition going strong!

Coffee Klatch packets were handed out at the Soup Supper in January. Thanks so much to those who have already donated! If you did not attend, your packet should have been hand delivered or posted in the mail. If you have not received your flyer and return envelope, give Virginia Hewgley a call at 925-768-4417, and she will make sure you get one!

If you know any seniors who would be interested in applying, let them know the scholarship application is available through College Park or Alhambra High and through our website. The due date for applications is March 22, and they should go to David Walters at College Park High School or Laura Patrick at Alhambra High.



2022–2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

February 2023 & beyond

- Feb 1** Morning Books, 10 am, Margie Pruitt's
Feb 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Pat Harris' home
Feb 15 General Meeting, 7 pm,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Feb 17 Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
Feb 20 Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, La Pinata, Concord
Feb 23 Matinee Idle
Feb 24 March 2023 N.E.W.S. deadline
Mar 1 Morning Books, 10 am
Mar 8 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Susan Trebino's home
Mar 20 Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, La Veranda, Clayton
Mar 15 International Soup Supper, 6 pm,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Mar 17 Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
Mar 20 Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, La Veranda, Clayton
Mar 20 to 30 SAM Program at Fair Oaks Elementary
Mar 23 Matinee Idle
Mar 24 April 2023 N.E.W.S. deadline



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