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# Pleasant Hill Branch N.E.W.S. Now/Events/Women/Success

July/August 2008

## PHAAUW SUMMER SOCIAL



- When:** Saturday, July 19, 2008  
5:30 PM - ?
- Where:** Brookview Club House  
1201 Monument Blvd, Concord
- Bring:** A plate of hearty appetizers to share with friends
- Fee:** \$2.00 per person for use of clubhouse

**Enjoy a drink, great food and socializing with good friends  
at this lovely clubhouse setting**

**Spouses, Significant Others, Prospective members are all welcome.  
Think about carpooling!**

*RSVP by 7/15/08 to Bea Ball (825-3622) or Eileen Bordenave (944-5528)*



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August 15, 2008

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## Check out the Pleasant Hill AAUW Web Site <http://www.aauw-ph.org>

### Kit's Korner

Driving home from the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce mixer last Wednesday, I couldn't help but reflect over the past year and all the activities our members organized and participated in and what it all means for PHAAUW. With our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a guiding theme, Marlene, Kay, the elected and appointed board officers and especially Margi and the anniversary board put together a year that both reflected where we have been and showed us a few of the possibilities for the future. I want to thank each of them for all their hard work.

And that is what we need to think about now – the future. Where will Pleasant Hill AAUW be going for the next 50 years? How will we provide the programs and activities that will attract the membership that we need to fulfill the mission of AAUW and maintain our leadership role in the community? And how does each of us fit into the picture that is PHAAUW?

With our joint board meeting in June we began a few baby steps in the right direction. Dates have already been set for 2 summer activities that will keep us in touch with each other as we celebrate the summer with family and friends in far off places. We even have a date already for the EF Festa in October.

But it must be more than events that we think about. We must reflect on what AAUW means to us. Why did we join, what keeps us as members and how can we help attract new members?

The two events I mentioned earlier will be a start. Our traditional summer social will be a chance to get together and talk about where we go from here. Amongst all the conversations of travel, weather, and families, I hope there will also be mention of the AAUW mission and how our branch will be promoting AAUW. This is an excellent opportunity to invite prospective members.

The second event will be a new one. Pleasant Hill AAUW and Martinez AAUW have maintained a very close relationship over the years. Now a serious conversation is beginning about the possibility of joining together as one branch. This conversation is in its infancy. Much more work has to be done by many more people before we even contemplate making it a reality – if, in fact, we ever do. But all ideas must begin somewhere and this one will begin as a “members only” social in August. A “meet and greet” for branch members that will give all of us a chance to join with Martinez branch members to socialize and discuss pros and cons of officially joining the two branches.

I hope all of you will be able to fit PHAAUW into your busy summer schedule – not once, but twice this summer. *Kit*

### DUES

**Payment is due now for '08 – '09 \$83.00.**

**Remit the amount to Diane Gartner, 28 Rolling Green Circle, PH 94523.**

**Paying dues prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> assures your name will be included in the PHAAUW '08-'09 Directory**

**Questions? Please phone Diane (798-0798)**

## Celebrate Summer with our Neighbors to the North

Sunday, August 3  
11:30 am  
1040 Vaca Creek Rd., Martinez

Just a few miles to the north of Pleasant Hill is the historical town of Martinez. In fact, many of our members live in Martinez. Yet we have two branches of AAUW that have for many years been serving these communities separately. This brunch will be an initial meeting of both branches to share experiences and discuss the possibilities of joining together as one branch. The more members who attend, the better the ideas will be. Please plan to attend and add your ideas. Carpooling is encouraged.

### **BOOK EXCHANGE - 2<sup>nd</sup> CALL**

Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2008 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

Please call **Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528** with your selected title and author PRIOR to purchasing your book.

The calls have been coming in, so we have 2 Exchanges going and will work on a third. Don't miss out! (You can purchase 2 or 3 books to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!)

Thanks to our N.E.W.S. Supporters

#### **Moneymovers Investment Club**

will meet on Monday, July 14, 7:00 pm at UBS, 2185 N. California Blvd, Ste 400, WC and. August 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ Nancy Silvey's.



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### **Interest Group Meetings:**

#### **JULY 2008**

**EVENING BRIDGE** will meet Monday, July 7, 2008 7:00 pm. @ Elizabeth DiPietro's.

**NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on Friday, July 18, 10:30 am @ Suzanne Salter's.

**BUDGET MEETING** Tuesday, July 22, 7pm. Home of Suzanne Salter.

**MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, July 24th. We will pick a movie at the beginning of that week, so please call Marlene (689-5439), if you are interested.

**FRUGAL FOODIES** will meet at Home Town Buffet on Sunday July 27, 2008, 6:00 pm.

### **AUGUST 2008**

#### **EAST BAY DISTRICT TRAINING:**

**Saturday, Aug. 2, Eden Hospital** (We will carpool). **Time TBA.** A special day for one of the activities that AAUW does best: **Leadership Training**. Everyone is invited but especially Branch Officers are expected to attend. Call Kit for details.

#### **JOINT MARTINEZ/PHAAUW BRUNCH**

@ Nancy Hobert's. on Sunday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 am

**EVENING BRIDGE** will meet on Monday, Aug 4, 2008. Place to be announced.

**PHAAUW Board Meeting** will meet on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 7:15 pm @ Kit Hein's.

**NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on Friday, August 15, 10:30 am @ Jean DeGregory's.

**FRUGAL FOODIES** will meet at the Main St Grill in WC on Sunday Aug 24, 2008, 6:00 pm.

**MATINEE IDOL**—We'll go to the movies on Thursday, August 28th, so, again, please call Marlene. We always pick the movie at the beginning of those weeks.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

#### **Fall "Kickoff the Year" Brunch**

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MDUSD School Board Candidates Night**

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 @ City Hall.

#### **Festa Italiana.....Oct. 4, 2008**

Viano Winery, Martinez

## **PHAAUW & the 49er's**



Participating in the Beverage Sales with the Concord AAUW Branch is an excellent and interesting fundraiser for our various projects for the coming year. Participants determine how their earnings will be delegated in the Branch. The only criteria for working is you must be 21 years of age. Round up several friends and enjoy a "fun" day at the Park. We usually carpool from the PH BART station 1 to 1 1/2 hours prior to our report time for the park.

Please review the following dates & contact **Kit Hein** if you are interested in helping. It would be great if we could have volunteers at each game.

### **PRESEASON & REGULAR SEASON GAMES**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Team</b>
Saturday	Aug 16, 2008	Green Bay Packers
Friday	Aug 29, 2008	San Diego Chargers
Sunday	Sept 7, 2008	Arizona Cardinals
Sunday	Sept 21, 2008	Detroit Lions
Sunday	Oct 5, 2008	New England
Sunday	Oct 12, 2008	Philadelphia Eagles
Sunday	Oct 26, 2008	Seattle Seahawks
Sunday	Nov 16, 2008	St Louis Rams
Sunday	Dec 7, 2008	New York Jets
Sunday	Dec 28, 2008	Washington Redskins

## **Local Scholarship Honorees**



**L-R College Park High School seniors Ashley Davis and Elizabeth Stenger and DVC student graduates Victoria Volkar, Jamela Hughes and Sindy Rodriquez (no photo) were honored at the PHAAUW May High Tea on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Sandra Wolfe's.**

### **MISSING**

**RED CLAY, BLUE CADILLAC** by Michael Malone....if it is "hiding" at your house, just drop it in my mail slot, and I will be none the wiser....*Gayle Garrison*

## **Tech Trek Honorees**



L-R Amy Roaldson (PHMS), Dakota Valdez (PHMS) and Michelle Vasquez (SMS) were honored at the High Tea on May 18. These young students will spend June 22 – 28<sup>th</sup> at Mills College in Oakland, experiencing a science and technology curriculum especially designed for middle school students.

## **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)**

Thanks to everyone who made the **LET THEM EAT CAKE** bridge party for LAF such a great success. It was fun and we had a profit of \$382...WOW....Also, we thank Ish Mendonsa, our hostess at the Brookview club house.

**Victoria Maat** is LAF for next year....Please give her your support. *Gayle Garrison*

## **PHAAUW REACHES OUT**



**Lorelei Self Cheryl Champion Kit Hein**  
As an ongoing branch project members of PHAAUW have been volunteering in various capacities at Fair Oaks Elementary School. A special day occurred at Fair Oaks recently when our branch collaborated with Lorelei Self, East Bay District Director, and her family for a generous donation to the students of Fair Oaks. One hundred pairs of socks, 100 sets of underwear and various shorts, long pants, and jackets were added to the Emergency Clothes Closet. Principal Cheryl Champion was on hand to express thanks from the whole school.

## **Community (Donna Berggren)**

### **SUNSET BY THE LAKE**

#### **FREE SUMMER CONCERTS**

On the lawn by the lake at Pleasant Hill City Hall. Live music 6-8 pm

Jul 20	Tee Fee Swamp Boogie
Jul 27	Time Outs
Aug 3	Grace Woods Trio
Aug 17	Cover2Cover
Aug 31	Spin Out

*Sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission*

*For more information go to*

[www.pleasanthillconcerts.com](http://www.pleasanthillconcerts.com)

### **GOT E-WASTE?**

**-FREE-**

#### **E-Waste Recycling Event at Diablo Valley College**

**321 Golf Club Road Pleasant Hill**

(overflow lot – Across from main campus)

**Sat. Jun 7<sup>th</sup>, Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Hours: 9am – 1pm**

**Electronic Items ACCEPTED: Televisions, Monitors, Computers, Components.**

For More Information call

(866) 335-3373 [www.noewaste.com](http://www.noewaste.com)

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### **P H COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation, founded in 1986 for the purpose of making Pleasant Hill a better place to live, has awarded a total of \$7,856 this year to schools and community groups that work for the betterment of our city. For more information about the Foundation go to <http://hometown.aol.com/phcfound/>

**Congratulations to Ginny Hargrave for being selected as the Barbara Newacheck Award winner. This annual award honors a selected member for her outstanding service and support of AAUW.**



## **EF Financial Report 2007 - 2008**

Branch Donor Club.....\$ 1,170.00

Festa Italiana..... \$ 1,831.00

Sisters In Crime.....\$ 801.56

Marathon Bridge.....\$ 300.00

**TOTAL.....\$ 4,102.56**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Pleasant Hill was mentioned at the State Convention to have been on the top ten list of all branches in CA for EF donations per capita.

### **PHAAUW/JFK UNIV CHAMBER MIXER**

The June 18th PH Chamber mixer was a great success for many reasons. Some fifteen of our members and spouses helped to spread the word about AAUW. The Chamber recognized our Past Pres. pin and with that and our name tags we were a force. Following a welcome and discussion on JFK University by **Anne Marie Taylor**, Associate Vice President, **Kit Hein** was introduced, spoke of the AAUW mission and the many community activities we engage in for and with the City.

Many thanks to **Sharon Lind** who made three raffle baskets for the chamber members. She did an outstanding job and they were more than well received. Also, thanks to **Eileen Bordenave** and **Jean De Gregory** who helped cut and serve the beautiful cake that was done in teal and white. It congratulated the branch on its fiftieth anniversary and saluted JFK. Many thanks to **Marlene Maksel** for delivering the cake -- it was not an easy task.

I, personally, have been reminding you of this event all year long and want to thank everyone for their cooperation. It is the last of our 50th anniversary celebration and what a year it was! It demonstrated how proud we are of our branch and the AAUW organization! In good Navy terms WELL DONE!

*PS: Attention members: The next time you go for coffee to either Peet's on Crescent Drive, of Starbuck's on Contra Costa please say a thank you to the Mgr. for donating five pounds of coffee collectively for our Chamber Mixer baskets.*  
**THANKS. Ginny**

# July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 	5
6	Evening Bridge 7:00 pm @ Elizabeth DiPietro's	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18 Nimble Fingers 10:30 am @ Suzanne Salter's	19 Summer Social Brookview Clubhouse 5:30 pm - ?
20	21	Budget Meeting 7 pm Suzanne Salter's	22	23	24 Matinee Idle (Call Marlene)	25
27 Frugal Foodies 6 pm Home Town Buffet	28	29	30	31		

# August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 EB District Training Eden Hosp.
Martinez/PH Joint Brunch 11:30 am Nancy Hobert's	3 Evening Bridge 7:00 pm Place TBA	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13 Board Meeting 7:15 pm @ Kit Hein's	14	15 Nimble Fingers 10:30 am @ Jean DeGregory's	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Frugal Foodies 6 pm Main Street Grill	25	26	27	28 Matinee Idle (Call Marlene)	29	30
31						

**Membership-- AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW is open to all graduates of two year accredited colleges with AA degrees and/or accredited four year colleges or universities. In principle and practice AAUW values and supports diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.**