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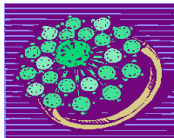
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November's Event – A 'Don't Miss Occasion' (October 29th is the last RSVP Date)

Presenting
Craig McConnell
Gemologist

Vice President of King's Jewelers in Walnut Creek



A fascinating and inspiring speaker
Will discuss sources, rarities and varieties of gemstones from around the world

and
Present each of us with a "goodie" bag

Followed by a delicious Chinese dinner

Location: Dragon 2000 Restaurant
1651 Botelho, WC (across from the new Trader Joe's)

Time: 5:00 pm Craig McConnell speaks
6:15 pm Dinner is served

Cost: \$21.00 per person



Spouses, significant others, friends & prospective members welcome.

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

KIT'S KORNER

What a great month for PHAAUW. We co-hosted 2 very successful events that demonstrated to the community our role as leaders in the community and collaborators with other community organizations. Thank you so much to Mary Gray and Marilyn Tubbs for their roles on the PH Education Commission and to Eileen Bordenave for acting as facilitator of our City Council/Propositions night.



So now the burden is on us to get these educated people out to the polls. I know several of our branch members will be helping at the neighborhood sites. Hopefully others of you will have the time to offer a ride to a neighbor or friend. I intend to harass my 22 year old son to make sure he gets to the polls☺ Each one reach one is a very good slogan!

Many of you don't realize that the very last item to go into the newsletter every month is this column. Marilyn is extremely patient with me. I am sorry about that this month because I would like to encourage you all to come to the November meeting and you will probably get this after the deadline because of my tardiness. This will be a General Business meeting with two extremely important items on the agenda: this year's budget and a Bylaws change. So, those of you who have sent in your reservations, please be sure to make it so we can hold a vote on both.

The last item is a special request for one day of volunteer help. Sunday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 28 seem to be a little light on help at the 49ers games. If you are available either of those days and would like to help, it is tiring, gratifying and fun work. Call me: 228-7503.

Kit

Branch By-Laws Change Proposal:

For the purpose of clarification the PHAAUW board recommends the following amendment to Article V; Section 3.

The amendment currently reads: "Any branch member who has paid Association dues for fifty (50) years shall become a Fifty Year Honor Life Member and shall thereafter be exempt from payment of Association and State dues.

Amendment change: delete *"and state dues"*. Add a comma after *"Association"* and add *"State and Branch dues"*.

This amendment will be voted on at the November general meeting.
Ginny Hargrave, Parliamentarian

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Copy deadline for December N.E.W.S. is due on November 15.

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Directory Changes & Additions:

Be sure to add these to your new yellow directory.

Margi Alkire email red-bird51@comcast.net

Jill Anderson address 210 Devonshire Court

Sally Whitsett email swhits@att.net

Plus welcome to our new members:

Sherry Cortez-Fassler 14 Bud Ct. PH

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Sherry came to our brunch, Festa and candidates night, so she is already an enthusiastic member.

She works for the city of Walnut Creek.

Maria Fletcher- 190 Elderwood Dr. PH

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Maria has rejoined our branch now that her children are older. She teaches science at Ygnacio Valley High School. Great to have you back Maria.

Bea Moore- 201 Valle Vista Dr. Danville 94526

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Bea is a retired science teacher from Sequoia Middle School and has been very active and helpful in our Tech Trek program.

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Remember - our Membership Committee (you!) is still active! Call Margi (827-2040) or Diane (798-6708) with your suggestions!

Save the Dates: More to follow:

Saturday, December 6th Tech Trek's Book Fair @ Barnes & Noble. Call Kathy Searles 228-5700 to help. Check out the book wish list on page 5.

Friday, December 12th 6:00 pm. Annual holiday celebration @ Brookview Clubhouse, Concord.

Tuesday, December 16th 10:00 am.

Playreading's annual Holiday Hillcrest Congregational Church Layette Donation party at Margi Alkire's. .Everybody welcome.

SUNSHINE:

As a branch, we try to remember members and former members with cards.

If you know of someone who needs a get well, sympathy, or just thinking of you card, please let me know. I will send one ASAP. *Gayle Garrison*

Interest Group Meetings:

MORNING BOOKS will meet on Wednesday, November 5th, 10 am, at Gayle Garrison's.. We will be discussing Cormac McCarthy's All the Pretty Horses. This is the first part of his trilogy about the "end" of the Old West. In December we will be reading Distant Land of My Father by Bo Caldwell and the pick for January is The Devil & Miss Prym by Paulo Coelho. . Don't miss these exciting reads!

PLAYREADING will meet on Tuesday, November 18th 10:00 am @ Marlene Maksiel's. We are reading 3 act comedy plays this year. Come check us out & have fun.

IN INDELIBLE INK will meet on Wednesday, November 12th, 10 am at Kay Ernst's, 32 Monivea Pl in PH. The topic will be "My Mother Always Said....." You remember those things your mother used to say! If not, write something fictional. We are a very supportive group and don't criticize what you've written. Come on and try us out! **Genealogy**, bring your memoirs!

EVENING BOOKS will meet on Monday, November 24th, 7 pm, at Sally Whitsett's, 598 Maureen Lane, PH. We will be discussing Nancy Horan's Loving Frank. This novel is about the famed architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, and his infamous love affair. Please join us for a great discussion.

MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies on Thursday, December 4th, a change since our usual dates fall on both Thanksgiving and Christmas! Hope we don't miss any good movies in the interim (ha!) Anyway, We usually pick the movie at the beginning of that week, so please phone Marlene (689-5439) if you are interested. We always have coffee, or something, after the movie to discuss it.

EVENING BRIDGE will meet on Monday, November 3rd, 7:00 pm @ Gayle Garrison's, 2130 Orin Lane, PH.

NIMBLE FINGERS will meet on Friday, November 21st, 10:30 am @ Suzanne Salter's, 275 Appalachian Dr. PH..

FRUGAL FOODIES will not meet in November. It's too close to Turkey Day!

BOARD MEETING will meet at Eileen Bordenave's, 303 Sunset Rd, PH, 7:15 pm on Wednesday, November 12th, 2008.

Thanks to our NEWS Supporters

MONEYMOVERS INVESTMENT CLUB

will meet on Monday November 10th, 7:00 pm @ UBS Financial Services, 2185 N. California Blvd. Suite 400, WC.. New members welcome.



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LAST CHANCE TO BUY AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!

This is the last month for the Entertainment Book Sale! Support the AAUW and save money at restaurants, stores, the movies, sporting events, hotels and more. There are lots of great coupons this year, and the book costs only \$25.00. To purchase one, contact Alana Macdonald at 999-4427 or alanamac@sbcglobal.net.

Festa Italiana was a great success!



Many thanks to Richard D'Arezzo, our local accordion player. It was great to have live music. Our EF chairs, Marlene DeLaurenti and Sandy Wolfe, along with their capable committee did a super fantastic job!

PUBLIC POLICY

Be an advocate for getting out the VOTE! Send emails to friends and family reminding them of the importance of voting on Tuesday, November 4th. Anyone, members and non-members, can sign up for the Action Network and receive alerts by email. Go to the website www.aauw.org and click on Advocacy and then Public Policy. Action Network will be to the right of the screen and when you click on it, they will ask for your email address and other info. It's easy!

During the year, I will try to have postcards available for you to fill out and send to your Congressional representatives ~ both California and National. But, don't forget, **YOU** can do this on your own. Names, addresses and titles can be found in the front pages of your phone book if you have no other resource. Or, call me.

Be informed! And, take action!
Marlene Maksel, Chair

The Value Promise and a New Direction for LAF

It's not uncommon knowledge that the way in which the AAUW will fund cases with contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) has already changed. **But it's hard to know just how excited we should be.**

In February 2008, the AAUW Board decided to **expand LAF to include sex discrimination in all workplaces to reflect our commitment to that fair chance.** We will be expanding our ability to participate as *amicus curiae* in cases affecting women's rights. We will seek expanded friend-of-the-court opportunities in cases of discrimination that disadvantage women in the workplace.

We will have a few challenges in the year to come: ironing out the criteria for funding a case, which non-profits we will work with, raising money under the new value promise, or even understanding what the impact of our new direction may be.

I am enthusiastic about the prospect of expanding our horizons and maximizing the strategic impact of our investment in LAF. Keeping in mind our **new value promise** — that we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so **all women have a fair chance.**

My personal challenge will be initiating the discussion of this exciting strategic expansion and **helping branch members to see the value** in these sweeping changes.

Things that will not change:

- LAF will continue to be a 501 c (3) and all donation will be tax deductible
 - The Gloria Weston Fund can still receive monetary contributions
 - The Campus Outreach Program will continue with their educational initiatives, and will expand their efforts
 - State-specific contributions can still be requested
- For those concerned with the current California plaintiffs, our plaintiffs will be getting their last round of money in January of 2009. However, after the distribution of money collected year-end 2008, LAF will no longer directly financially support new plaintiffs and will phase out support of current plaintiffs.

There's still much work to be done, and issues to sort through. As things get further clarified at a national level, I will be using this column to clarify any significant changes or announcements. And we will still be raising money for LAF, most likely in Spring 2009.

Victoria Maat, Chair

We are sorry to report that Pat Ronald, a Past President of PHAAUW, passed away October 16th. She was president during the 1997-1998 year and was a faithful member for many years.

It's a Win, Win Situation:

Tech Trek Barnes & Noble Fundraiser in PH Saturday, December 6th

Attend the book faire and buy one from the wish list from the Fair Oaks Elementary librarian for your entrance to our Christmas social on December 12th.

WISH LIST FOR FAIR OAKS ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

Any of the following books would be greatly appreciated:

1. Bear Feels Scared by Karma Wilson
2. Butterflies in my Stomach & Other School Hazards by Serge Bloch
3. Moose Tracks by Karma Wilson
4. The Ant Bully by John Nickle
5. The Wimp by Kathy Caple
6. Tattlin' Madeleine by Carol Cummings
7. Bully be gone with Annie by Michelle Fottig
8. Kung Fu Klutz & Karate Cool 1 by D.J. Milkey
9. Girl's Like Spaghetti: Why you can't manage without Apostrophes by Lynne Truss
10. Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Schlitz
11. The Dumb Bunnies by Dav Pilkey

We need 4 paperback copies of each of the following for our Listening Library*

12. Clifford's Good Deeds by Norman Bridwell
13. Little Red Hen by Lucinda McQueen
14. Gingerbread Man by Karen Schmidt

We need 5 paperback copies of the following for our Listening Library*

15. Amber Brown is not a Crayon by Paula Danziger
16. You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox by Paula Danziger
17. Amber Brown goes Fourth by Paula Danziger
18. Howliday Inn by James Howe
19. Celery Stalks at Midnight by James Howe

* The librarian has a CD of the story and 1 book. She would like enough books so that several children could listen and read along

Community:

Check out Pleasant Hill's new Interactive Community Guide at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

This guide serves as a way to keep Pleasant Hill citizens apprised of what's going on around Pleasant Hill. It's fun and very easy to use.

Holiday Extravaganza:

Mark your calendars for the 37th annual holiday Jewelry, Fine Art & Craft Show held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center on November 14 and 15.

Anyone interested in exhibiting at the "Holiday Extravaganza" can find info and applications on the festival website at www.jhfestivals.com.

Pleasant Hill Community Awards Night:

The 38th annual Pleasant Hill Community Awards night will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. Nominations are being accepted for **Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Teen of the Year, Community Plus Award, and Educator of the Year**. If you would like to submit a nomination you can download the nomination forms at

www.pleasanthillchamber.com.

Donna Berggren, chair

PAST PRESIDENT PROJECT

The Past Presidents met this month and have decided to take on a small fund-raising project to benefit Conferences & Conventions.

At general meetings, everyone can bring up to 10 paperback books, which you have read and are ready to discard, and donate them to our library. Then, everyone will have an opportunity to look through the library and purchase some different paperback books. Each "new" book will cost you 50 cents and all funds raised (there is no overhead) will go to Conference & Conventions.

Sound easy?! It is, and you will increase your reading library while keeping it cleaned out ~ all at the same time. Such a deal!! Look for this paperback library at the meeting on November 5th at the Dragon 2000 restaurant.

Marlene Maksel, Chair

STUDENT ART & MUSIC PROGRAM @ FAIR OAKS ELEMENTARY (SAM)



During two weeks in October students learned about **Camille Saint-Saens** (musician) and **Eric Carle** (author) prepared & presented by Mary McGhee, AAUW education co-chair, along with practical hands-on projects about color and musical listening skills. The popular program was presented to each grade level at the school.

Mary wishes to thank her able assistants

Margi Alkire, Eileen Bordenave, Jean DeGregory, Muriel Fry, Jean Hambleton, Marlene Maksel, Kris Peerand, Kathy Searles, Marilyn Tubbs, Clint Tubbs and Sandy Wolfe.

November 2008

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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.