



Pleasant Hill Branch

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Voting is Everyone's Responsibility



to the State of California and Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Read your ballot measures closely

Read state ballot measures @ www.sos.ca.gov

Special State Wide Election **Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

CCC Inter Branch Council has endorsed MDUSD Measure D

What does that mean?

Measure D is a parcel tax , which will add \$99/year/parcel to our property taxes, in order to help fill the enormous gap that has been created by the lack of state funding for our schools.

It means we may use AAUW's name in messages to support the measure.

Education is important!



Consult the local campaign website
<http://protectourlocalschools.org> for more info and to volunteer to help.

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

KIT'S KORNER

I often wonder why I am such a procrastinator. News from Association today showed me. I have had this column developing in my head since April 1. How I would thank all the important people, how I would mention all the terrific programs and activities we have had this year, and how proud I am to pass on the gavel to the four hands that will hold it next year.



But today I received a notice from Association which made it all seem trivial. The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders' wonderful summer program co-sponsored by AAUW and NASPA, the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, needs our help. Actually, they need our money. This is one AAUW program for which there is no specific fundraising organization. All young women attend on scholarships and this year there are 70 applicants. I will be sending in my donation and I hope you will, too. Tax-deductible contributions can be made by phoning Tremayne at 202/728-7611 or by visiting our [secure website](#).

Of course the other item that is consuming my mind is our own Measure D. I sincerely hope that all of you will contribute in some way besides your vote for this very important ballot item. Interbranch Council did not take their endorsement lightly. This is local money for local schools and is absolutely necessary for the academic, extracurricular and safety of our schools. Please look at the website or call me to offer your help.

See you at the Ice Cream Social. *Kit*

2009 AAUW National Convention.
Plan to attend. June 26 – 28, 2009 at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
For more information about National Convention registration, please visit www.aauw.org/convention

Information re the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders mentioned in the President's message

The next generation of women leaders must have access to the information, skills and resources necessary to lead change on campus and take on various leadership roles in their community. This annual conference provides an opportunity for college and university women students to gain leadership, career development, advocacy and networking skills.

The 2009 conference will be held June 4-6 at the University of Maryland at College Park.

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Copy deadline for the combined July/August N.E.W.S. is due on June 15th.

Please send copy to

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email kjhein@comcast.net

Interest Group Meetings:

May

MORNING BOOKS will meet on Wednesday, May 6th, 10 am at Jean Hambleton's. We will be discussing *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig. The story is set in 1907 in Montana and centers around a one-room schoolhouse. One reviewer has described Doig as the West's preeminent literary novelist. Don't miss discussing this touching and unforgettable book.

IN INDELIBLE INK will meet on Wednesday, May 13th, 10 am, at Marlene Maksel's. The assignment will be to write about your "Bucket List" ala Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. You don't have to be on your last leg to make a list of things you would like to do, see, or accomplish. We are a very supportive group and don't criticize what you've written. This should be fun ~ join us!

EVENING BOOKS will not actually meet in May because our date falls on Memorial Day! So, we will be meeting on Monday, June 1st. Please read the details BELOW.

MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies on Thursday, May 28th. We usually pick the movie at the beginning of that week, so please call 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, May 4th, 7:00 pm @ Gayle Garrison's.

PLAYREADING will not meet in May due to the Special State and School District election.

FRUGAL FOODIES will meet on Sunday, May 24th @ 6:00 pm .Place to be determined. Please contact Suzanne Mesetz if you plan to attend.

GENEALOGY

The National Archives will be having a class on **E-VET Records Research on Friday, May 15th**. Same routine as before. Cost is \$15. Class is 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Contact Rose Mary Kennedy at the National Archives. Let me know if you are interested. Kay Ernst

May 16, 10 a.m. How To Class at the LDS Church, 3700 Concord Blvd., Room 17, Concord. The topic will be "Putting Photos in PAF and Restoring Old Photos" and the instructor will be Jon Fitt. These classes usually end at noon. If you have any questions call Jackie who coordinates these classes at their church. Her telephone number is 827-4729.

Kay Ernst

NIMBLE FINGERS will meet on Friday, May 15th 10:30 am @ Kathy Searles. Please let Kathy know if you are planning to attend.

JUNE

MORNING BOOKS will meet on Wednesday, June 3rd, 11:30 am, at Janet Sullivan's for our annual potluck luncheon. We will not be discussing a book, but we might have a quiz! Food sign-ups will be taken at the May meeting, but you may also call Janet to tell her what you are planning to bring if you miss Morning Books in May. Reservations should be made, in any case, with Janet (935-6340), so she can have a chair ready for you!

IN INDELIBLE INK will have its final meeting for the season on Wednesday, June 10th, 11:30 at a restaurant. There will be no assignment, but you must call Marlene (689.5439) by June 8th, so reservations can be made.

EVENING BOOKS will meet on Monday, June 1st, 6 pm at a restaurant. We will be discussing Bernard Schlink's *The Reader*. This book has been out for several years, but was recently made into an excellent movie. It will be the means of a great discussion. Please call Marlene (689.5439) by the May 30th, so reservations can be made.

MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies on Thursday, June 25th. Call Marlene (689.5439) if you are planning to attend, or if you have any good suggestions for a movie. A light discussion, over coffee or other liquid refreshments, usually follows.

NIMBLE FINGERS will meet on Friday, June 19th, 10:30 am @ Jean DeGregory's. Please let Jean know if you plan to attend.

Thanks to our NEWS Supporters

MONEYMOVERS INVESTMENT CLUB will meet on Monday May 11th 2009, 7:00 pm @ UBS Financial Services, 2185 N. California Blvd. Ste 400, WC, CA



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Our thoughts and prayers go out to Maxine Walden's granddaughter, Allison Angove, who suffered a severe head injury at her horse show accident on April 10th. Her mother updates her condition daily on the caringbridge.org website.

BOOK EXCHANGE

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2009 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

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!)

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

Joint Board Meeting, including the past years elected and appointed board members as well as the incoming elected and appointed board members, will be held at Sandra Wolfe's on Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 pm. Outgoing board members contact Kit Hein for food assignment. Please bring your updated notebooks to pass on to the new board members.

Tech Trek Update

The three campers (and an alternate) for the summer 2009 Tech Trek Camp from Pleasant Hill AAUW have been selected.

The committee was very pleased with the quality of the girls applying for the positions.

Our choices are:

Raia Cherednikov	Valley View MS
Elizabeth vonRuden	Valley View MS
Jessica Bautista	Sequoia MS

The three campers and their families have been invited to the May ice cream social at Brookview Clubhouse. I am sure all of our members will delight in meeting these special young women.

I'd like to thank Sandy Wolfe, Shelley Jacobson, Judy Onopchenko and Bea Moore for their efforts in doing the paper screening and the interviewing of the students.

Kathy Searles, Tech Trek Chair

Local Scholarship Honorees 2009

Renee DiBartolomeo plans, after graduating from CPHS, to attend USC and become a Physical Therapist. She has been involved in synchronized swimming and enjoys working with the WC Aquabears. She has been Student Spirit Store Commissioner at CPHS this year.

Alyssa Jacobson plans, after graduating from CPHS, to attend either the Univ of Colorado @ Boulder or UC San Diego at La Jolla to study Environmental Engineering. She has attended our Tech Trek program when she was in Middle School and feels that experience helped her become interested in her chosen field of study. She plans to take a physics class at DVC this summer. She has played violin in the school orchestra as well as basketball and golf.

Cindy Ngo, another CPHS graduating student, plans to attend UCSF and study Nursing. She has been co captain of the school tennis team this year. Has volunteered at Chateau 3 and works part time at a clothing store in WC. She hopes to attend a Kaiser Nursing Camp this summer.

Madana Cast plans to attend CSU San Francisco and study biology when she graduates from DVC. She has volunteered at John Muir Medical Center and with Animal Resources. She has been a volunteer teacher in Indian Education Programs. She works as an office assistant in the DVC Emeritus College program

Dina Elatrache, a DVC graduate plans to study Economics at UC Davis next year. Her hobbies are studying religion and reading. She has been involved with the Muslim Student Club at DVC. She plans to spend the summer working in a Dr's office

Marianne Elling plans to attend CSU East Bay and study Human Development with an emphasis on women. She is a single parent with 3 children. She works as a Substance Abuse Counselor.

Anne Fowler plans to attend CSU East Bay and study Human Development with a Senior Component. She is a certified massage therapist She has been involved with the Early Childhood Program at DVC with her 2 year old son. Her hobbies include piano and bowling.

Briana McCready plans to study psychology at the Univ of Hawaii @Mona, then obtain a Masters degree at UCLA with a speciality in sex therapy.. She ran cross country in High School and hopes to continue that sport in college. She has assisted high school students with on line tutoring



Membership Renewal.....

This is the time to renew your membership in Pleasant Hill AAUW. Our Membership drive goes on all year, but we like to get a running start on our list. Our official year is July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.

Amounts....

Total dues are \$83 this year---the same as last year.

\$49 of that goes to Association (the national organization)

\$46 of that is tax deductible

\$16 goes to the State of California

\$18 goes to our Pleasant Hill Branch

Two ways to renew...

Go on-line to register *or* write a check to the branch treasurer.

(We are told on line registering will be available by May 1st) So..... until then:

Please clip this coupon and remit the amount to

Suzanne Salter, 275 Appalachian Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Association \$49.00

State \$16.00

Branch \$18.00

\$83.00

Barbara Newachek

Memorial Fund (optional)\$ _____

Total Remitted \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Any changes: add husband's name?

Add cell phone?

Email?

Please change Muriel Fry's email address to mnrfr@comcast.net.

FAIR OAKS SAM PROGRAM

(Student Art and Music) has scheduled its final program for this school year during the week of May 18th through May 29th. We will be using the music of Pepe Romero, a Spanish Classical Guitarist and Piet Mondrian, an abstract painter who used shapes and primary colors. We're thinking of changing the format to ½ hour sessions since the student participation will take less time than the Monet paintings they did previously.

Mary McGhee, coordinator, is requesting volunteer members to assist with the teaching this time if at all possible. She will be preparing a power point presentation to assist in the presentation.

Interested persons, and especially those super volunteers that helped with the March presentations, please contact Mary McGhee (284-4974) or Marilyn Tubbs (939-6220).

An orientation session is planned at Fair Oaks Elem prior to beginning the program.

Individual teacher class dates are being determined as we go to press. The SAM program is a very popular program at Fair Oaks and it is expected that every class will want to participate.

PH Rec & Park Talking Points

Watch the July/August Newsletter to read the Talking Points bulletin of the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District regarding the renovations drastically needed to its Teen Center, Senior Center, Community Center and Pleasant Oaks Park along with additional facilities throughout the district that need repairs.

The cost of renovations is beyond the size and scope of the District's operating budget and the District is making every effort to identify potential funding sources.

Although no final decisions have been made, the District is considering placing a facilities bond measure on the ballot. The last time the District placed a bond measure on the ballot was 41 years ago in 1968. The District welcomes the community's feedback and input as we continue to review all options and plans.

Questions about the facilities needs or to provide input about the planning process please feel free to contact Bob Berggren @ 925.682.0896 or email rberggren@pleasanthillrec.com
More information to come!!

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2 May Ice Cream Social 2:00 pm @ Brookview Clubhouse
3	4 Evening Bridge 7:00 pm @ Gayle Garrison's	5	6 Morning Books 10:00 am @ Jean Hambleton's	7	8	9
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17	18 	19	20	21	22	23
24 Frugal Foodies 6:00 pm (check with Suzanne Mesetz)	25 	26	27	28 Matinee Idle (check with Marlene Maksel)	29	30
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Check the June Interest Section column on page 3 for activities in June.

SEE YOU AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009!!



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Editor's Memo:

Many of you already are aware that Kit Hein will be editing the newsletter beginning with the July/August edition. Her deadline for the N.E.W.S. will be the same – the 15th of the preceeding month. (that means June 15th for the July/August N.E.W.S.) Please welcome her by submitting your articles in a timely manner

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.