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PLEASANT HILL AAUW PRESENTS

RICH MARTIN IN CONCERT

November 17

7:30 PM

Program starts promptly at 7:45



AAUW presents a musical evening with local composer, Rich Martin, performing a number of his original compositions - everything from jazz to rag to classical.

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall  
1601 Mary Drive in Pleasant Hill.*

Rich began his long career as a professional musician when he was sixteen, playing piano and accordion for parties, dances, cruise ships, Nevada casinos, weddings and nightclubs. After graduating from San Francisco State University with a B.A. in music, he began a highly successful 31-year career teaching instrumental music in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, much of it in Pleasant Hill. Many adult musicians today credit Rich Martin with being the inspiration behind their love and passion for music.

Guests are welcome -just let us know. Ginny (925) 798-2370



## Presidential Duo Report

Many thanks to EVERYONE who participated in Festa Italiana! It was a lovely event; weather was perfect, food was delicious, wine was great and the company was without peer. Details on the financial success will be shared later.

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is fast approaching. Don't forget to VOTE!! We have a team of AAUW members, and some husbands, who are manning a precinct on Grayson Road. All of the volunteers are giving their compensation to Local Scholarships.

Our first SAM program at Fair Oaks Elementary will start in November. If you can help Mary McGhee with this program (Study in Art & Music), please let her know. Mary does all of the prep. She just needs several people to help the children in the art projects. The children are very appreciative and it is as much fun for the volunteers as it is for the children.

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

The Duo

### *Board Notes 13 Oct 2010*

- The State is reassessing the impact of dues being waived for Honorary Life Members.
- A suggestion will be made to Tech Trek committee that one girl from each of our 3 middle schools be selected
- \$25 will be donated to AAUW Funds in the name of Marcella Boyer
- Program ideas and volunteers are still needed for the IBC joint branch event tentatively set for March

## 2010– 2011 Leadership Team

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Waiting for a volunteer

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## *EVERY MEMBER SURVEY*

*AAUW CA's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and **strong member support.***

***Every member needs to complete the survey before Dec. 1. Find it in your recent Perspective OR at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org), complete it online, and email it.***

## INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**\*\* MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, 3 November, 10 am, at Alana Macdonald's. We will be discussing *The Lost City of Z* by David Grann. This is a little reminiscent of the story of Teddy Roosevelt's trip down the Doubt River. It takes place in the mysterious Amazon area where explorers are looking for the Lost City of Z. Intriguing! In December we will be reading *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. Please join us for great discussions.



**\*\* BRIDGE**  
**Monday Night Bridge** is at Suzanne Mesetz' (Nov 1) 7 P Elizabeth DiPietro



**The Grand Slammers**  
will play the second Monday, November 8, 12:30, at the home of Roseanne Krane. Roseanne lives in Alamo, so let's plan to car pool. Call or e-mail Roseanne if you plan to play.....Gayle Garrison



**\*\* IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, 10 November, 10 am at the home of Marilyn Tubbs. We will be developing some games for our Holiday Party! So put on your thinking caps, get out those game books and come prepared. We hope to see you!



**\*\* NIMBLE FINGERS** will be at Suzanne Salter's on Thursday, Nov. 11th at 10:00. Please email Suzanne or call her if you can com.: 935-0861 or [seabear2@msn.com](mailto:seabear2@msn.com)  
Just a reminder that the December meeting will be at Margi Alkire's on Dec. 9th. We shall once again be putting together layettes for holiday giving.

Questions, please call Janet Sullivan at 935-6340



**\*\* MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, **18 November**. Normally we go on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, but in November, that happens to be Thanksgiving Day. So, we will try one week earlier. Call Marlene (689.5439) if you are planning to attend, or if you have any good suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie afterwards over coffee or other liquid refreshment.



**\*\* EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, 22 November, 7 pm, at Marlene Maksud's, 1201 Monument, #12. We will be discussing *Farm City* by Novella Carpenter. This is about raising chickens, rabbits and other farm animals in downtown Oakland! Don't miss this fascinating discussion.

### **FAIR OAKS** **STUDENT ART & MUSIC CLASSES** **(SAM)**

SAVE THE DATES:

NOVEMBER 1 -18,2010

Teachers are in the process of signing up their classes now and **We need your help**

Please let Mary McGhee (284-4974) or Marilyn Tubbs (939-6220) know if you will be available.

Class schedules will follow as soon as they are available.

Hope to hear from you soon!

PS: Our student Store is needing articles to give students for their "good behavior Pats" Old trinket jewelry or good will type articles are great.(not clothes) . The students really enjoy them. Thanks

# **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

Marti Martin & Suzanne Salter

Margi Alkire has graciously offered to host a wine and cheese get-together for potential new members of AAUW. If you know anyone that you think would like to learn more about Pleasant Hill AAUW, please let us know. We would like to hold this event before Thanksgiving. You can reach Marti at 229-3574 or [richmar1016@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richmar1016@sbcglobal.net) or Suzanne at 935-0861 or [seabear2@msn.com](mailto:seabear2@msn.com).

Are you aware of AAUW's "Give-A-Grad a Gift" (GGG) program? AAUW members can give a recent grad – a friend, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, or nephew – a free AAUW membership within two years of their graduation – at no cost to you or them! This gift would expand their networking opportunities for career development and expose them to current issues in equity and education for women and girls as they receive AAUW publications. They would also be able to take advantage of AAUW Member discounts and benefits. The grad will receive a one-year member-at-large membership – a \$49 value. They can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues.

The membership application can be completed online or a PDF version can be downloaded, filled out and sent in to the national office. Full details are on the national web site ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) under Membership Campaigns in the Member Center. Check it out!

p.s. If you need your AAUW membership number to enter the site, and don't know what it is, contact one of us and we should be able to give it to you.

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Members of PHAAUW, friends

and enjoy



guests the Festa Italiana.

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## **Marcella Kincl Boyer**

April 9, 1923 – October 5, 2010

Marcella Boyer, one of the four remaining charter members of Martinez Branch AAUW died on October 5, 2010. She was 87.

A native of Nebraska, Marcella was the only one of the four to hold continuous membership in the branch until its closure earlier this year when she transferred her membership to the Pleasant Hill Branch.

A graduate of Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics education, Marcella joined the faculty of Martinez Junior High School in 1948 and immediately signed up for the Martinez Branch. She faithfully attended all branch meetings and events for 61 years.

There were eight surviving charter members when the Branch celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008 at a gala luncheon. With Marcella's death, that number has dwindled to three -- Trina Harris, Erna Long and Phyllis Wainwright.

Pleasant Hill Branch's EF fund was among the four groups listed to receive memorial donations in Marcella's memory.

Because Marcella was a life member, the PHAAUW board voted to give \$25 in her name to the AAUW Funds.

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## **COMMUNITY**

Jill Anderson

### **Martinez Wine Stroll**

Saturday, November 6th

Spend the afternoon and early evening tasting wine in downtown Martinez.

Great opportunity to get a head start on your holiday shopping too!

Tickets include a wine glass, wine and map of participating businesses.

\$15 in advance. \$20 at the event.

### **Veterans Day Celebration & Outreach**

Thursday, November 11th

8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

PH Community Center 320 Civic Drive, Veterans of all ages & eras, you and your families are invited to a "Veterans Day Celebration & Outreach" for a free breakfast, activities, camaraderie and resources for vets. Transportation provided, if needed.

Ken Jacobson - kenj19@comcast.net or Jessica Braverman (925-827-4198)

### **Pleasant Hill Community Awards Night 2010**

Sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, the City of Pleasant Hill, and Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. Recognize citizens who make a difference!

**Nov. 17, Wed. Social hour 5:30 pm**

**Dinner by Outback Steakhouse 6:30 pm;  
PH Chamber Board Installation 7:30 pm;  
Awards program begins 7:45 pm**

**Pleasant Hill Community Ctr., 320 Civic Dr**

- Citizen of the Year
- Business Person of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- Teen of the Year
- Community Plus
- Mayor's Award
- Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Award
- PH Chamber Board Appreciation Award

Reservations: Call 687-0700

Cost: \$40 per person open seating.  
Reserved table for 8: \$300

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

Suzanne Rheingruber

### **Study of the California Budget**

Branch Committees have been meeting to research specific issues, such as education funding and the impacts of cutbacks for CalWorks and social service programs. It is informative to probe into these issues that are at the heart of AAUW's Public Policy Priorities. The prospects of continuing in the direction the state has been heading in the past several budget cycles are not promising for the future. The voice of AAUW needs to be heard on the budget process! Branches are still welcome to join in the study! Contact Sue Miller for more details, [publicpolicydir@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicydir@aauw-ca.org) and let her know if your branch is participating.

### **Final 2010 Legislative Report**

Of the 34 bills that AAUW CA either supported or was following, Governor Schwarzenegger signed 7, vetoed 6, and 20 did not pass out of both houses of the legislature. The Joint Resolution to request the U.S. Senate to Ratify CEDAW, the United Nations action on Civil Rights for women around the world, was passed by both houses.

The bill that AAUW CA co-sponsored, SB 929, to prohibit cadmium in children's jewelry, was signed by the Governor. Notably, however, the Governor vetoed AB 1900, that would have required pregnant inmates to be restrained in the least restrictive way possible.

Go to [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) for more detail on the 2010 Legislative Session.

### **Every Member Survey**

You should have already received the fall issue of Perspective. Please note the *Every Member Survey* which gives each of us an opportunity to vote on the state's Public Policy Priorities that will guide decisions about Public Policy in AAUW CA for the 2011-2013 period. This survey can either be done online at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) under Public Policy (easiest!), or by mailing a hard copy in to the state office. Let your voice be heard!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR FELLOW LOCAL BRANCHES**

### **Concord Branch**

#### **Author and Archaeologist Amanda Adams**

Sat., Nov. 6, 2010, 11 am – 1 pm  
Ygnacio Valley Library  
2661 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek

Amanda Adams will present Ladies of the Field, the story of 7 remarkable women who were pioneers in archeology in Mexico, Iraq, and Egypt during the Victorian era and the early 20th century. She will share their “passion for holding the past in their hands ... and their utter disregard for convention.” Full of well-researched facts, these tales of seven determined explorers will interest anyone looking for a good adventure. Amanda will be signing books purchased that day at the library.

Free admission -- all are welcome  
For information: Terri Almeida, 925-980-5499

### **Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch**

#### **Antique Appraisal Faire**

Nov. 16, 2010, 9:30 am.  
Holy Trinity Serbian Church & Cultural Center  
1700 School St., Moraga

How much is Your Family Heirloom Worth? Come to our Appraisal Faire and find out! A certified appraiser from the Clar's Auction Gallery will view your treasure, give you an estimate of value, and for only a small donation of \$15.00 per item (maximum of two items), you will learn the value of your treasure, enjoy viewing the treasures of others, and provide a donation to the AAUW FUNDS - Education. The three appraisers will concentrate on Fine Arts: (paintings, signed prints, sculpture); Decorative Arts: (glass, china, silver, lamps, etc.) and Asian Arts: (paintings, china, vases, screens, etc.)

No furniture or jewelry, as they require special equipment. This meeting is FREE (except for appraisals!), and open to the public.

### **San Ramon Branch**

#### **Silent Auction and Gift Boutique**

Dec. 2 at 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Ramon Library Community Room (upstairs),  
100 Montgomery St., San Ramon

The wonderful items auctioned are donated from local businesses and individuals. All proceeds benefit our Local Scholarship program. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Julie Gin (925) 828-8275

### **Berkeley Branch**

#### **Power Within: Empowering Girls To Learn and Lead**

Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 12:00 PM –  
2:00 PM

Northbrae Community Church  
941 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707

**Dr. Auma Obama**, Technical Advisor for CARE's Sport for Social Change Initiative will lead a discussion on how CARE is empowering girls, particularly in Africa, by using sport as a tool for social change.

Suggested \$5 contribution at the door and proceeds support AAUW and CARE's work.

**R.S.V.P. by October 29** to Phyllis Gale at  
AAUWBerkeley@gmail.com or 510-528-3284  
(voicemail).

### **Oakland-Piedmont Branch**

#### **Protecting And Expanding Economic And Educational Access And Opportunities For Women And Girls**

**Speaker- Arcelia Hurtado - Executive  
Director of Equal Rights Advocates**

Sat Nov 13, 2010  
10am - noon  
Colors Italian Restaurant,  
2220 Mountain Blvd., Oakland

**Please RSVP by Nov 10th to Judith Mann**, 510-  
531-9811 or [judithmann@comcast.net](mailto:judithmann@comcast.net)

## **LAF EXPRESS**

### **Case Support**

In late September, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to disburse \$4,000 to each of the following cases supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund to help offset legal fees:

\* Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College (CA)

<http://aauw.org/act/laf/cases/jaureguito.cfm>

\* Mansourian, et al. v. Regents of the University of California, et al.

<http://aauw.org/act/laf/cases/mansourian.cfm>

\*Thein v. Feather River Community College

<http://aauw.org/act/laf/cases/thein.cfm> (CA)

\* Wartluft v. Feather River Community College

<http://aauw.org/act/laf/cases/LW.cfm> (CA)

The new LAF-supported case, Foltz et al. v. Delaware State University <http://dockets.justia.com/docket/delaware/dedce/1:2010cv00149/43702/>, is scheduled for trial October 18 in the U.S. District Court for Delaware.

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org). Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

### **Title IX Compliance: Know the Score**

Use LAF's Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box (PIAB) to join AAUW branches across the country in investigating local high schools. The details provided in the PIAB make the project easy to implement. Hear Jean Reed, the sports equity chair for the AAUW San Jose (CA) Branch, talk <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th04OyLaHr8> about her branch's success with the program.

*Find more exciting AAUW actions, issues, news and information at:*  
<http://aauw.org>

## **AAUW MISSION & ACTION**

### **USA Science and Engineering Festival**

Come one! Come all! Visit AAUW's booth at the USA Science and Engineering Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on October 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Learn about famous women in science and explore exciting careers through hands-on activities -- and find out how you can encourage girls in science and math.

### **Vote Scheduled on Paycheck Fairness Act**

In September, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) filed closure on the Paycheck Fairness Act, a critical milestone in AAUW's efforts to move the bill toward final passage. The bill will be one of the first to be voted on during the lame-duck session starting November 15. Watch for advocacy alerts and actions this month. Our work is not over!

### **AAUW Report Featured at Conference**

AAUW Senior Researcher Andresse St. Rose will present on the AAUW report\_ Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics \_at the first annual STEMtech conference. The conference will attract educators, industry leaders, and others to discuss increasing student access to and success in science and technology majors and careers.

### **AAUW's 130th Anniversary Membership Campaign**

As AAUW celebrates 130 years we're challenging every member to recruit a new member.

Beginning November 1, 2010, special introductory rates will apply to new graduate students and college/university partners. You and your branch can win prizes, be recognized in AAUW's Hall of Fame and help strengthen the organization for years to come.

# November 2010

Consult the body of the NEWS for details on each event  
When there is a duplication of events on the same day, PHAAUW Branch event will be listed.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Oct. 30</b> Berkeley Branch with Dr. Auma Obama	SAM 1 PM Bridge	SAM 2	SAM 3 AM Books	SAM 4	5	6 Mtz. Wine Stroll
7	SAM 8 Grand  Slammers	SAM 9	SAM 10 In Indelible Ink 	SAM 11 Nimble Fingers	12	13 Oakland-Piedmont Speaker
14	SAM 15	SAM 16 OML Antique Appraisal Fair CCC-IBC	SAM 17  Rich Martin in Concert	SAM 18 Matinee Idle 	19	20
21	 PM Books	22	23	24	25 	26 27
28	29	30				

SAVE THE DATE: Dec. 2 – San Ramon Auction&Gift Boutique; **Dec. 3 – Christmas Party;** Dec. 9 – Nimble fingers



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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.