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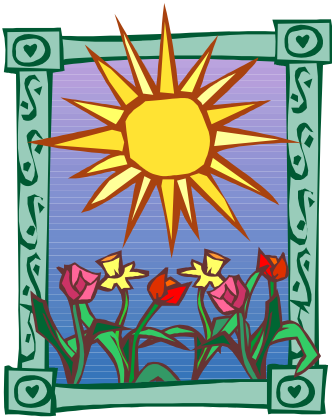
**Pleasant Hill Branch
N.E.W.S.**

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Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy,
education, philanthropy and research

SEPTEMBER 2010

OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING



**TECH TREK, SUMMER
MEMORIES AND MORE**

You are invited to join PHAAUW on

Saturday, September 25

10 am – 12 pm

Rolling Green Clubhouse

51a Rolling Green Circle

Pleasant Hill



Please respond to Gayle Miner (925) 349-6795

no later than Wednesday, Sept. 22

Two of the girls from Tech Trek experience will speak of their summer adventure on a college campus. Brunch will be served.

Come one and all to meet new friends and share your summer fun with friends.

We look forward to seeing you.



Presidential Duo Report

This was such a cool summer, weather-wise, it hardly seems possible it could be nearly over! We hope you had a good one, despite, or because of, the weather.

Now we're looking forward to our September Kick-Off meeting on Saturday the 25th. More details are on the front of this N.E.W.S. and we hope you will all be able to attend and find out more about programs for the upcoming year.

You should all have received information regarding the new "One Member, One Vote" program now being implemented at National. The Convention will be in Washington D.C. on June 16-19 and you will all have a chance to vote for bylaws changes, resolutions, Public Policy amendments, candidates for offices, etc. without attending! More information will be coming to you, so be prepared to familiarize yourself with the issues and candidates, so you can make an informed vote.

We don't have anyone to fill the position of AAUW Funds (EF), but we are still planning to have Festa Italiana as our one big fundraiser for the year. We are dividing up the jobs among many, so that no one person will have the entire burden of arranging the event. The date is Saturday, 9 October. If you feel you can volunteer for one small job (i.e. baking a lasagna, buying tablecloths, helping setup on the morning of the event, etc.), please let Marlene know, either by email or phone.

Thanks!
The Duo

BOARD NOTES – Aug. 1, 2010

- Several programs being considered including Title IX
- 87 members paid so far; Leadership workshop a success
- Festa Italiana needs volunteers
- Branch will continue to support SAM program

2010– 2011 Leadership Team

Presidents:

Jean Hambleton	798-2344
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Ginny Hargrave	798-2370
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Waiting for a volunteer

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PHAAUW N.E.W.S. and lots of other branch information can always be found at
<http://www.phaaauw-ca.org>

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Remember to join us on Sept. 25 to hear more about Interest Sections and the members who participate.



**** MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, 1 September, 10 am, at Marti Martin's. We will be discussing *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Besides an intriguing story line, the book tells about life in Ethiopia and the medical needs in that country. In October, the book will be *Modoc* by Ralph Helfer. Please join us for a great discussion.



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, Sept 8th, 10 am at Ginny Hargrave's. Our topic will be to write about "Someone I Would Like to Put in Jail." This topic came from Creative Writing Ideas on its website. A little different from our usual topics, but it might prove interesting. We hope to see you ~ come and listen if you can't write anything.



**** NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on September 9, 2010 at 10:00 am at the home of Janet Sullivan, 28 Carpenter Court, Pleasant Hill. Please RSVP to Janet at 935-6340 or jsprinsullivan@aol.com.



**** BRIDGE**

The Grand Slammers

Grand Slammers will play on 2nd Monday, Sept. 13, at 12:30. Call Gayle Garrison 798-7528 if you would like to play. Each player contributes \$3.00 to Scholarship fund...and new this year....prize for high and low. We have lots of fun and welcome both members and non-members to play.



**** MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, 23 September. Again, remember that we go to the movies on the **FOURTH** Thursday, not the last Thursday, in the month. 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 after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.



**** EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday 27 September, 7 pm, at Marlene Maksiel's. We will be discussing Stieg Larsson's *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. This is an amazing mystery that has been on the best-seller list for months. It takes place in Sweden ~ many of you may have seen the movie made in Sweden. Don't miss this fascinating book discussion.



BOOK EXCHANGE – LAST CALL

This is your Last Chance to join the BOOK EXCHANGE - only an annual opportunity. Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2010 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.

We have 3 Exchange Groups developing.

Don't miss out! (You can purchase 2 or 3 books to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!) Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.

Membership Matters

Suzanne Salter & Marti Martin

2010-2011 annual dues are now due and will be delinquent if not received on or before September 10, 2010. All contact information for the directory and NEWS mailing will be updated to paid members only. Don't let your name be dropped. Renew now!!

Since Suzanne will be on vacation all checks should be mailed to
Marilyn Tubbs, Treasurer
18 Monivea Place
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

(to make sure our records are correct, please fill in this form)



Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Do you want included:
Cellphone _____

Email address _____

Spouse's name _____

Any changes to your educational
information? _____



PHAAUW 2010-2011 BUDGET

Marilyn Tubbs

The following budget has been proposed by the Executive Committee for approval by the General Membership.

INCOME	
Net dues (85x\$18)	\$1,530.00
From Reserves	<u>\$1,135.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,665.00

EXPENSES	
Conference & Convention	\$ 500.00
Administration & Office	\$ 100.00
Community/Chamber	\$ 175.00
Communication	\$ 50.00
Directory	\$ 125.00
Hospitality	\$ 75.00
IBC Dues	\$ 40.00
Insurance	\$ 200.00
Membership	\$ 75.00
N.E.W.S.	\$ 250.00
Program	\$ 600.00
Facilities (room rent)	\$ 300.00
Web Page incl PO Box	\$ 175.00
LAF	\$ 0.00
Tech Trek	\$ 0.00
Local Scholarship	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,665.00

**EF Dues Assessment will be paid from EF Funds

Any questions regarding the proposed budget will be answered at the September meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

2010-11

The Directory is currently being compiled, so if you have a change in email address, telephone, or anything else, please let Marlene know:

marlene@maksel.us

689-5439

We want the Directory to be ready for hand out at the September Kick-off meeting, so don't delay!!

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Kathy Searles

LAF provides financial and organizational support for a select number of cases in the workplace and in academia that have the potential to provide significant protection for all women.

AAUW offers both financial and non-financial support to selected applicants, including funding for:

- Court filing fees
- Preparation of briefs, filings, and other case-based costs
- Plaintiff court travel
- Specified immediate essential plaintiff needs

AAUW can also offer non-financial support, including:

- Signatory of an amicus brief
- An official statement of support
- AAUW members at the court
- AAUW members at a rally

Case recommendations are welcome from many sources, including collaborating organizations, lawyers, AAUW members, and AAUW affiliates.

UPDATE ON SUPPORTED CASES

* Case Conclusion: LAF-supported plaintiff Claire Schuster's pay discrimination case against Berea College (KY) has concluded in an undisclosed settlement. Schuster has always been very appreciative of AAUW members' support and said that sometimes it was the only thing that helped her through the day.

*Amicus Brief: AAUW signed an amicus brief for the recently decided U.S. Supreme Court case *Christian Legal Society V. Martinez*. In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court found that the UC Hastings College of Law school's policy was a "reasonable, viewpoint-neutral condition on access" that did not raise First Amendment issues in the way that the Christian Legal Society argued.

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact laf@aauw.or.

COMMUNITY

Margi Alkire



Become a part of something really special!

Pleasant Hill's Sixth Annual Community Service Day

Saturday, September 25, 2010.

Gather at Pleasant Hill Park (beginning at 7:30 a.m.) to get your free Pancake Breakfast (served by the PH Lions Club) and your free T-Shirt.

Last year, 800 volunteers worked on 22 projects citywide!

This will be on Saturday, September 25---- which is the same day as our fall brunch! However, our multi-tasking members will be able to do all! Pancake breakfast, brunch, work project! Sounds very possible.

As I rarely save enough space to put my own two cents in, I am taking advantage of this opportunity to send out a belated, but very sincere, thank you to the branch for the honor you gave me in May by presenting me with the Barbara Newachek Award. I had the pleasure of working with Barbara on many different projects and it makes me very proud to have my name linked with hers. Thank you.

Your humble editor
Kit

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 MORNING BOOKS 10AM	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 IN INDELIBLE INK 10AM	9 NIMBLE FINGERS 10AM	10 DUES ARE DELINQUENT	11
12	13 GRAND SLAMMERS 12:30PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 MATINEE IDLE	24	25 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 10AM-12PM PH COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY
26	27 EVENING BOOKS 7PM	28	29	30		

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 9 *FESTA ITALIANA*



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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.