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education, philanthropy, and research

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CELEBRATE WITH PHAAUW:

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR, OUR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP AND TECH TREK WINNERS, AND OUR ELECTED OFFICERS

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

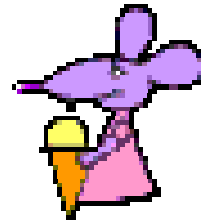
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Brookview Clubhouse

1201 Monument Blvd

Concord



Join other members of PHAAUW as we celebrate a very successful year. We will be honoring our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek winners as well as members who have been designated as EF named gift honorees. The Barbara Newacheck Award will be presented to a very special member. Finally, our elected officers for 2011-2012 will be inducted as everyone enjoys ice cream with all the fixings.

RSVP to Ginny Hargrave (798-2370) by **Thursday, May 19th.**



Presidential Duo Report

Well, this will be the last message from this “duo” ~ Jean and me. I think we’ve had an excellent year with many special programs. Our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek committees have done a wonderful job in choosing the awardees from many applicants. You will meet them later this month at the Ice Cream Social.

In addition, we had a very successful fundraiser in the fall with our Festa Italiana at Viano’s Vineyards. We supported higher education for many women, both nationally and internationally. We raised money for litigants trying to receive justice in their respective workplaces ~ the Bridge/Game party was fun for all who attended.

We all enjoyed a marvelous N.E.W.S. issue each month. And, there were several articles in the local newspapers. The Soup Supper was outstanding with our own Maria Fletcher teaching us how to extract DNA from a strawberry! The Holiday Party was great fun as was the Summer Social held at the Rheingruber’s home.

Jean and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who worked so hard to make this year so successful. And, we’re looking forward to another great year with Kathy Searles and Marilyn Thelen at the helm.

When Kathy and Marilyn call to ask you to do a job this coming year, be sure to say “yes.” That is really how you get the most out of your membership dues. BE ACTIVE!

The Duo

2010– 2011 Leadership Team

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Waiting for a volunteer

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CALLING ALL WOMEN ATHLETES PAST OR PRESENT

We are going to support our local girls’ softball teams as our part in empowering Title IX. So, plan to come to these games! More will be scheduled later.

** Thursday, May 5th, 3:30 pm at College Park High. The Falcons will play Mt. Diablo High. Please come!

** Tuesday, May 10th, 4 pm, at Alhambra High. The Bulldogs will play Pinole Valley High. See you there!

THIS COULD BE A FUN EVENT FOR ALL OF US.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE GAME, JUST COME!

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS


Because this edition of the N.E.W.S. is for May and June, several interest sections have given you both months' activities. June events are in italics!



** BRIDGE

Monday Night – AAUW's Monday Night Bridge will be at Alvera Welsh's home in Rossmoor, 7 P, May 2nd. Carpools are encouraged.

Elizabeth DiPietro

The Grand Slammers  Grand Slammers will be on "recess" in May and June because your fearless leader will be away. We will play in July and August and I will call everyone....

Gayle Garrison



** **IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in May.

In June, Ill will meet for lunch, but the date and time have not yet been determined. If you think you would like to go to lunch and find out more about Ill, please call Marlene at 689-5439.



** **MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, May 4th, 10 am, at Jean Hambleton's. We will be featuring Eudora Welty and you may read any of her books or short stories. We will discuss her life, her work and her amazing popularity.

In June, we will meet on Wednesday, June 1st, at Sandy Wolfe's for our annual luncheon. There will be no book to read or discuss, but we may have a quiz! This is a salad potluck luncheon and assignments will be made at the May meeting and by phone/email.



** **EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, May 23rd for dinner at a nearby restaurant. Normally we discuss a book, but no title has been selected. If you are interested, please call Marlene at 689-5439. We will pick the favorite book we read for the year and also choose a selection for September.



** **MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, 26th. We usually attend a matinee at a local theatre. 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.

We will go to the movies on June 23rd ~ fourth Thursday, not the last Thursday in the month. Again, call Marlene if you have any suggestions. We will continue to attend the movies on the 4th Thursday during the summer, if everyone is interested.



** **NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet at the home of Jeanette Holmes, 233 Tono Lane, Walnut Creek on Thursday May 12 at 10am. Please RSVP to Jeanette at 942-0801 or jholmes1226@hotmail.com. This will probably be our last get together until September so come join us and enjoy the beautiful spring weather in Jeanette's gazebo.

Suzanne Salter



BOOK EXCHANGE - 1st CALL

It is time to start thinking about the BOOK EXCHANGE. This opportunity comes but once a year. Join the BOOK EXCHANGE and read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2011 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.

There have been 2 to 3 Exchange Groups for the past few years. 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

Marti Martin and Suzanne Salter

It's that time of year again – time to renew your membership in Pleasant Hill AAUW.

The good news – the price is still the same: \$83 from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. It breaks down to:

\$49 National (\$46 is tax deductible)

\$16 California AAUW

\$18 Pleasant Hill Branch.

You may pay by check (made out to PH AAUW) and mail it to:

Suzanne Salter
275 Appalachian Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Or you may pay by credit card at:

AAUW.org - Member Center

Log in with your membership number, go to renew, etc. If you do pay online, please let Suzanne know at (seabear2@msn.com)

Also, this is the time to make donations to the Barbara Newachek Fund. Just send a separate check to Suzanne.

(to make sure our records are correct, please fill in this form. This is what will appear in the membership directory.)



Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Do you want included:

Cellphone _____

Email address _____

Spouse's name _____

Any changes to your educational information? _____



MEMBERSHIP – RANDOM NOTES

Did you know that Reba Siero's daughter was accepted to UC Davis? They are one very happy family about this super great accomplishment.

Muriel Fry

Have you seen my several "missing" books and tapes? One book is CANNIBALS IN THE CAFETERIA and there is also a Pat McManus tape.

Check your book case. If you find one, just put it in my mail slot. I'll never know who had the items. I love to share books and audio books, but forget who has them. I should establish a library check out system..... Thanks Gayle Garrison

SAM

(Studying Art & Music Program)

Mary McGhee, and her AAUW volunteers completed the fourth program last week for students and teachers at Fair Oaks Elementary School. Students were introduced to Grandma Moses and perspective ideas in art while listening to Louis Armstrong (Satchmo) music. They began their paintings by drawing a frame around their work. Their art work may be observed in the display case in the hallway at Fair Oaks Elem.

Thanks so much from the whole branch to the following project volunteers:

Ish Mendonsa, Shelley Jacobson, Alana MacDonald, Kathy Searles, Lynn Murphy, Marlene Maksel, Jean Hambleton, Marilyn and Clint Tubbs.

Community

Jill Anderson



Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market

When: Every Saturday, May 7th through November 19th

Where: Crescent Drive (in front of Century Theater) in Downtown Pleasant Hill

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon <http://www.pcfma.com>



Chamber of Commerce Mixer

When: Wednesday, May 18th

Time: 5:30-7:30 PM

Where: Contra Costa County Club
801 Golf Club Rd.



The Plaza Concert Series

When: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday beginning May 19th and ending September 15th

Where: Downtown Plaza (between Sweet Tomatoes and Jack's Restaurant)

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost: Free

www.shopdowntownpleasanthill.com



2011 Peddlers Faire's Main Street Martinez

When: Sat. May 21st 8am-4pm

Antiques & Collectibles and Arts & Crafts



Memorial Day Ice Cream Social



When: Friday, May 27th

Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Rodgers Smith Park
Grayson Road



Bargain Book Sale

Presented by the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library. Volunteers Needed!

- June 4
behind the Library on Santa Barbara Rd.
- Opens 9:30 am, members; 10 am–3:30 pm, public.

For information: Janet Piper, 939-7915.



Chamber of Commerce Mixer

When: Wednesday, June 15th

Time: 5:30-7:30 PM

Where: Chateau's of Pleasant Hill

Public Policy

Susanne Rheingruber

The 2011 – 2013 AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities were approved at the state convention this month. These reflect the results of the Every Member Survey from fall, 2010, and are consistent with national Public Policy Principles. The Priorities have been developed to guide us in taking positions on women's issues and legislation in support of the AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research, and can be found on our website in the Forms & Documents section under Public Policy or by clicking.

Also in the Forms & Documents section is a new Public Policy and Advocacy Workshop guide to train branch members how to communicate with legislators. This workshop is recommended for use in Leadership Training sessions offered by IBCs and branch Public Policy Chairs, and is approximately one hour in length.

AAUW Mission & Action

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AAUW Ballots Are in the Mail!

Ballots and voter information guides for AAUW's first every-member election were mailed to all members on April 15. You must be a current member in good standing in the AAUW member services database in order to vote. Online voting begins May 1 and ends June 17 at 9 p.m. EDT. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 31 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. See the One Member, One Vote website and the election FAQs for more information.

Standing with the Women of Wal-Mart

Through our Legal Advocacy Fund, AAUW brought the lead plaintiffs in *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* to Washington, D.C., for their hearing at the U.S. Supreme Court on March 29 and signed an amicus brief supporting their plea to argue their gender discrimination case as a class. AAUW also co-hosted a reception in their honor, attended the oral arguments, and co-led a rally outside the court.

Legal Advocacy Fund

Kathy Searles

Obama Administration Takes Action for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and You Can, Too



Last week the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights issued [guidelines](#) on sexual violence in schools. The guidelines make clear a school's obligation to prevent and respond to sexual violence under Title IX's provisions on sexual harassment. The department also recently announced that it is investigating a sexual harassment complaint by students at Yale University. AAUW's Lisa Maatz was interviewed by [Good Morning America](#) about the case.

Download [AAUW's Campus Sexual Assault Program in a Box](#) to find out what *you* can do about campus sexual assault as an alumnus, AAUW member, student, faculty or staff member, or as a parent..

AAUW Funds



Giving Circle

Muriel Fry

A late evening email from Sharon Schuster delivered some good news:

- 1) The end of year appeal by AAUW Funds garnered \$57,580 from over 1,000 people, many of whom were new givers. The Giving Circle matched up to \$35,000.
- 2) The Circle has funded for a second year the "Elect Her" project in CA at Mt. San Jacinto Community College. We also funded a second project at W WA University. We are looking for another campus in CA.
- 3) Funds for the Giving Circle are coming from non- Giving Circle members too. A branch contributed some of their funds to be directed to the Giving Circle.
- 4) In 9 years (since 2002) the Giving Circle has raised almost \$300,000.
- 5) We are committed to funding printing and distribution of the new report (on Harassment) sometime this year.

As Sharon said, "Not too shabby!"

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

As these special people travel from backpacks to briefcases, the money our branch raises continues to support women and girls in their pursuit of a bright, successful future.



Tech Trek

Patricia Harris, Gretel Holit, Sally Whitsett

Tech Trek candidates have been submitted to Sonoma State University for this year's Camp. Five girls from our Martinez and Pleasant Hill middle schools will be sponsored by PH-AAUW. After applications were received, essays read, and interviews completed, the hard choices were made.

We chose 2 girls from Sequoia Middle School and 3 from Martinez Intermediate.

If you didn't get to the Alhambra High School presentation of *Grease*, you missed an excellent production. The show was loads of fun and very professional. We had a very nice evening beginning with wine and cheese at Trinka and George March's home.

We are planning another fund raising event for July. Watch for the announcement in the July-August NEWS.

Local Scholarship

Dana Matthews, Ish Mendonsa

The Local Scholarships Committee is pleased to announce the seven recipients of the PHAAUW \$500 scholarships for 2011. There were fourteen applicants and from them we chose three young women from DVC, two from College Park High and two from Alhambra High.

The DVC winners are Amy Robertson, Lina Pervez, and Venessa Unglaub.





Our two scholarship winners from College Park High are Caitlin Diggs and Annie Wu.

The Alhambra High recipients are Juliana Andrews and Jamie Higgins.

All our applicants are outstanding students, giving many hours to community service and having worthy future goals. It was a difficult task to choose seven. We know you will enjoy meeting our seven winners and learning all about them and their future plans at the Ice-Cream Social on Saturday, May 21. If you know any of these young women or their families and could sit with them that afternoon, please let co-chairs Dana Matthews or Ish Mendonsa know.

We know you will enjoy meeting our winners at the Ice-cream Social on May 21.

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Monday Night Bridge 	3	4  Morning Books	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Nimble Fingers	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 DEADLINE Reservations for Ice Cream Social	20	21 Ice Cream  Social 2pm-4pm
22  Evening Books	23	24	25	26 Matinee Idle	27	28
29	30	31				

Extra Reminders: ** Book Exchange to Mary Hanlon ** Matinee Idle – 4th Thurs. throughout the summer

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Morning Books Luncheon	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Interbranch Tech Trek Social	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Matinee Idle	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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