



# Pleasant Hill Branch

## N.E.W.S

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You're Invited to

### BRUNCH IN THE GARDEN

(Hat & Gloves optional)

When:

Saturday, September 27, 2008  
10:00 am



Fee:

\$5.00

Where:

Home of Eileen Bordenave  
303 Sunset Road, Pleasant Hill, CA

Join us to hear about our planned events of the coming months.  
Open yourself to ideas from the Interest Groups

*RSVP by 9/22 with a check payable to PHAAUW to Bea Ball @ 94 Rolling Green Circle to guarantee your reservation.*

**Plus – another super event**



## Festa Italiana

Viano Winery  
150 Morello Ave, Martinez

Saturday, October 4  
3:30 – 6:30 pm

Wine Tasting 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Italian Supper 4:30- 6:30pm

**Donation \$30**

*A benefit for Pleasant Hill AAUW Educational Foundation providing scholarships for college women*

*Tickets are limited. Please call for tickets before October 1, 2008 to*

*Marlene 934-4171 or Sandy 228-2633*

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Please send copy to Marilyn Tubbs, 18 Monivea Pl PH or email [marclin@comcast.net](mailto:marclin@comcast.net)

**Check out the Pleasant Hill AAUW Web Site**

<http://www.aauw-ph.org>

## **KIT'S KORNER COMMUNICATION**

Do you have these addresses bookmarked on your computer:

<http://www.aauw.org/>

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

<http://www.aauw-ph.org/>



If not, why not?? These three websites will keep you up-to-date and in-the-know about everything AAUW. Being an active member is more than attending branch meetings. It is more than donating time and/or money to EF, LAF and local scholarships. As we continue to strive for active participation in the organization, communication is vitally important.

Some of you may say you're technologically challenged. Or you don't have a computer. No problem. Our very own Gayle Garrison is trained to help people down at the public library. And if she is not available, I would be happy to meet with anyone who wants to set up an email address or access Internet sites.

Now that our membership is growing (look for the numbers in our Membership VPs' column), we want to be sure to maintain active lines of communication among ourselves as well as with our parent organization. New members can learn much from our branch members from a personal standpoint, but the websites give them (and us) current updates on public policy, current topics, the latest research, and, very important for those of us who have been around for quite awhile, the restructuring of the organization.

Communication was certainly the active word at the 2 summer events in which our members participated. The Summer Social found us communicating with friends and significant others about presidential facts and trivia as well as car keys (as Sandy Wolfe). The gathering with Martinez Branch brought out some very interesting information as so many of our members revealed that we actually live in Martinez. I heard someone whisper "There ought to be a law"☺ And this communication should continue throughout the year as both branches have voted to allow members in good standing to attend interest groups from either branch for the whole year. You should also be receiving a copy of their branch newsletter as they will be receiving ours.

So, keep those lines of communication open – be they land lines, cell phones, wired or wireless. Be an active member of PHAAUW through COMMUNICATION. *Kit*

Long-time member Inez Richards has been moved to a care home. She has supported our AAUW branch for nearly 50 years, and we will miss her.

## Save the dates----More to follow:

- **Thursday, October 9, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**  
MDUSD school board candidates  
night in collaboration with the Pleasant Hill  
Education Commission @ City Council  
Chambers
- **Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 pm**  
LWV/PHAAUW Voter Propositions & City  
Council candidates night
- **Sunday, October 26, 12-3pm**  
Northern CA EF Luncheon, Crow Canyon  
Country Club
- **Saturday, December 6, 2008**  
Tech Trek's Book Fair @ Barnes &  
Noble. Call **Kathy Searles 228-5700 to  
help..**

Be sure to let **Marlene Maksel** know any changes of  
your name, address, email, phone etc for the new  
directory. (689-5439)

## **Interest Group Meetings:**

**MORNING BOOKS.** will meet on **Wednesday,**  
**September 3rd,** 10 am at Alana MacDonald's, 233  
Western Hills Dr, PH. We will be discussing The  
Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett. This is an older book  
and tells about the building of a cathedral in the 12<sup>th</sup>  
century. In Oct we will be reading almost any  
Steinbeck novel. Hopefully, we will then arrange a day  
in Salinas to tour his home and museum. And the  
choice for November is Cormac McCarthy's All the  
Pretty Horses. Don't miss this exciting new year of  
great reads.

**WAYS & MEANS MEETING** –September 3,  
4:00 pm @ Kathy Wheeler's.

**IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday,**  
**Sept 10,** 10:00 am @ Marlene Maksel's, 1201  
Monument Blvd #12 in Concord (just across the PH city  
limits.) Our first topic for the new year will be "Funny  
Things My Children Did." You can write about an  
actual comical happening with your children, or you can  
use your imagination and make up an incident. We  
would love to see all of you at this meeting. Call  
Marlene @ 689-5439 if you plan to attend.

**MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thurs  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 (sometimes lunch if it is an early movie) after the  
movie to discuss it.

**BOARD MEETING** will be Wednesday, Sept 10,  
2008, 7:15 pm @ Kit Hein's.

**PLAYREADING** will begin their regularly  
scheduled meetings in October.

**NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on Friday, Sept 19,  
10:30 am @ Kathy Searles.. Bring your handicrafts and  
enjoy great company.

**EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, Sept  
22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm at Linda Robbins', 2442 Lariat Lane, WC.  
We will be discussing Simon Winchester's The  
Professor & the Madman. The book is about the Oxford  
English Dictionary, how it was put together, who  
contributed to its contents and other fascinating details  
leading to its publication. Please join us for a great  
discussion.

**FRUGAL FOODIES** will meet Sunday, Sept 28,  
6:00 pm @ Sweet Tomatoes on Crescent Drive, PH. No  
Entertainment coupon available.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

Remember when we used to meet once a month and  
write letters to our legislators urging them to support, or  
oppose, a bill? With the advent of email, some people  
have stopped writing regular letters to their elected  
officials; now, we have learned that a letter sent via the  
USPS has more influence on the decision makers than  
emails. So, we will try to have a few "write-ins" this  
year ~ stationery, envelopes, addresses, etc. will be  
provided. YOU just have to come and write a letter  
urging your congressional leaders, State and Federal, to  
consider your viewpoint.

In the meantime, don't forget that Title IX recently  
marked its 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can still urge your  
lawmakers to strengthen enforcement of this landmark  
legislation, as there are ongoing efforts to weaken it.  
Remember that AAUW was instrumental in the passage  
of Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in ALL  
educational programs and activities that receive federal  
funds ~ not just athletics.

*Marlene Maksel, Chair*

## **Sunday Brunch**



*Dual branches, Martinez & Pleasant Hill enjoying a  
leisurely social brunch getting to know each other in the  
lovely garden of Nancy Hobart on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
We'll become more acquainted with each other as the  
year progresses and we meet at each others Interest  
Group sections .and other events.  
Thanks Nancy for sharing your home.*

## Welcome to new members:

**Jill Anderson, Terry Bowen, Kit DeGear, May Hanacek, Sarah Joy Haynes, Patricia Harris, Nancy Hobert, Donna Love, Roseann Krane, Kris Peerand, Sally Whitsett and Fran Wojnar.** Patricia and Nancy are Dual members from the Martinez branch and Roseann is a dual member from the Clayton & Danville/Alamo. branches. **Welcome all!**

**You are all on the Membership Committee!** Did you know that? You are our sources! So please continue to give names of prospective members to Diane Gartner or Margi Alkire! Just call or email us and we will do the rest.

**You are a great committee!** *Margi & Diane*

## Money Wi\$e Women Conference

CA State Univ. Sacramento 9-5:30 pm September 20, 2008.

AAUW Collaboration sponsor \$49/person \$78/two people. Featuring Marcia Brixey, author of the Money Therapist: A woman's guide to Creating a Healthy Financial Life.

More info? [Bakula.aauw@yahoo.com](mailto:Bakula.aauw@yahoo.com)

## Community (Donna Berggren, Chair)

### Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks

Every Saturday Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks (FOPHCreeks) has a creek cleanup day that runs from 9am to 11am. Volunteers have been an important contribution to the efforts to restore Ellinwood creek back to its natural habitat.

For more information go to

[www.fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org](mailto:www.fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org).

### City of PH Rehab Loan Program

Homeowners in Pleasant Hill may be eligible to receive low interest loans from the City of Pleasant Hill to spruce up your property. This program might benefit you. The program offers a maximum loan amount of \$60,000 and is available to persons with limited income. Certain restrictions apply. If you or someone you know, would like more information, contact David Boatwright, Housing Coordinator, at (925) 671-5266.

### City of Pleasant Hill Service Day Returns on Sat September 20<sup>th</sup> & You Are Invited

Families from all over PH will gather at Pleasant Hill Park for a pancake breakfast and then disperse throughout the city to work on various projects which help make our community a great place to live, work and play.

If you want to volunteer or register a project for inclusion in the event go to [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/CSD](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/CSD) and submit the appropriate form online. For more info contact Martin Nelis @ 925-671-5229. This event is open to all ages – families and children are very welcome.

## DVC's Emeritus College: learning fun for the 50+ crowd

Education does not end with graduation. We all know it is a lifelong process. If you are over 50, curious about the world and people around you, and love to learn and explore, DVC's Emeritus College is the place for you.. To be mailed a schedule of classes, call the Emeritus College office at 925-906-9105 and leave your name, address, and phone number. You can also visit the website at [www.dvc.edu](http://www.dvc.edu) and go to Academics/Emeritus College. *Learn On!!*

## FAIR OAKS ELEMENTARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS...

Tutoring, student store, SAM program & more— Contact Mary McGhee 284-4974 or Marilyn Tubbs 939-6220 for info

## PHAAUW Job- Alike Leadership Training



L-R Marilyn Tubbs, Muriel Fry, Victoria Maat, Sandra Wolfe, Margi Alkire, Kit Hein & Ginny Hargrave.

Wow! What a group of members attending the Job Alike Leadership training session at Eden Hospital on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. Did they learn new things about AAUW? You Betcha! Just ask them!!!

## Thanks to our NEWS Supporters

**MONEYMOVERS INVESTMENT CLUB** will meet on Monday September 8, 7:00 pm @ UBS, 2185 N. California St. Suite 400, WC **New members welcome.** Contact Margi Alkire, Treasurer..

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**Entertainment Book Sales**  
**The New Entertainment Books Have Arrived!**

We're selling Entertainment 2009 books to raise much needed money to support our Conferences and Conventions Fund. The books are here and packed with money-saving coupons for dining out, travel, entertainment, shopping and much more! The price is only \$25.00. By buying a book, you save money and help our branch at the same time. The books also are a great Christmas present.

**To purchase Entertainment 2009, contact Alana Macdonald at 925-933-4427 or email her at [alanamac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alanamac@sbcglobal.net).**

**BOOK EXCHANGE - LAST CALL**

Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2008 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange. We have almost filled 2 Exchange lists and are working 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. **Please call by Sunday, September 21st, since we plan to begin exchanging books on October 1st.**

**Adopt- A -Poll Program**  
**Tuesday, Nov 4, 2008**

Please consider joining us to help on the Adopt-a-Poll program. Work at a (very) local precinct just ½ day and your salary goes to support our Local Scholarship Fund.

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> should be a very busy, exciting day. You may work the am or pm shift. Some training, for which you are paid, is required.

**Deadline to sign up is September 15, 2008.**

Join us to show off one more way the branch is visible in our community!.

Please phone Susi Weight (946-9939) for more information.

**English Tutors – Come join us as**

**we celebrate our 30 year anniversary helping** non English speaking adults to read, write and speak English well enough to function in our society. **No teaching experience is required: this is a volunteer position. We will teach you to tutor!.** Workshops will be held on Sat 10/4 (9-1:30 pm), Tue 10/7 (6:30-8:30 pm), Sat 10/11 (9-1:30 pm) @ Diablo Literacy Council, 4000 Clayton Rd, Concord 94521. \$15 non refundable registration fee. More info: Shirley Mattes @ 925-685-3881.

| <i>Pleasant Hill Branch AAUW<br/>2008 – 2009 Proposed Budget</i> |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b><u>Income</u></b>   |                                   |
| <i>Net Dues (\$60 x \$18)</i>                                    | <b>\$1,080.00</b>                 |
| <i>C&amp;C Carryover</i>   | <b>\$ 670.00</b>                  |
| <i>From Reserves</i>   | <b><u>\$1,118.00</u></b>          |
| <br><i>Total Income</i>  | <br><b>\$ 2,868.00</b>            |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>   |                                   |
| <i>Conferences &amp; Conventions</i>                             | <b>\$1,000.00</b>                 |
| <i>Administration &amp; Office</i>                               | <b>\$ 100.00</b>                  |
| <i>Community/Chamber</i>   | <b>\$ 175.00</b>                  |
| <i>Communications</i>  | <b>\$ 50.00</b>                   |
| <i>Directory</i>   | <b>\$ 100.00</b>                  |
| <i>EF Assessment</i>   | <b>\$ 60.00</b>                   |
| <i>Hospitality</i>   | <b>\$ 75.00</b>                   |
| <i>IBC Dues</i>  | <b>\$ 22.00</b>                   |
| <i>Insurance</i>   | <b>\$ 225.00</b>                  |
| <i>Membership</i>  | <b>\$ 75.00</b>                   |
| <i>N.E.W.S.</i>  | <b>\$ 250.00</b>                  |
| <i>Program</i>   | <b>\$ 500.00</b>                  |
| <i>Web Page&amp; PO Box</i>                                      | <b>\$ 236.00</b>                  |
| <i>LAF</i>   | <b>\$ -0-</b>                     |
| <i>Tech Trek</i>   | <b>\$ -0-</b>                     |
| <i>Local Scholarship</i>   | <b><u>\$ -0-</u></b>              |
| <br><i>Total Expenses</i>  | <br><b>\$ 2,868.00</b>            |
|  | <b><i>Revised 8/18/08 sjs</i></b> |


**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*

# September 2008

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
|   | 1<br> | 2  | 3<br>Morning Books<br>10:00 am @<br>Alana MacDonald's<br>Ways & Means Mtg<br>4:00 pm @<br>Kathy Wheeler's | 4   | 5   | 6  |
| 7   | 8  | 9  | 10<br>In Indelible Ink<br>10:00 am @<br>Marlene Maksel's<br>PHAAUW Board mtg<br>7:15 pm @ Kit Hein's      | 11  | 12  | 13   |
| 14  | 15   | 16<br>Playreading<br>will resume in<br>October | 17<br>Chamber Mixer<br>5:30 pm @<br>Buchanan Field  | 18  | 19<br>Nimble Fingers<br>10:30 am @<br>Kathy Searles | 20<br>Community<br>Service Day in PH                                 |
| 21  | 22<br>Evening Books<br>7:00 pm @<br>Linda Robbins                                      | 23   | 24  | 25<br>Matinee Idle<br>Call Marlene<br>Maksel for info | 26  | 27<br>Brunch in the<br>Garden<br>10:00 am<br>@ Eileen<br>Bordenave's |
| 28<br>Frugal Foodies<br>6:00 pm @<br>Sweet Tomatoes<br>PH | 29   | 30   |   |   |   |  |

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.