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## Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch N.E.W.S.

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

November 2012



**Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**Please join us for a lively discussion with**

**John Hanecak, Mayor of Pleasant Hill and Rob Schroder, Mayor of Martinez**

**Win a door prize!!!**



The meeting will be held in the Pleasant Hill City Council Chambers  
100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill  
Bring your family and friends

**Just a reminder: this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of November (because of Thanksgiving)**

Note: No refreshments are allowed in the city council chambers

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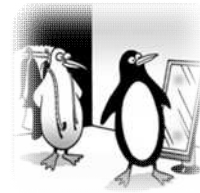
## *AAUW Holiday Party*

### *Black & White Ball*

*not a dance but you will have a ball*

*Catered dinner with wine,  
appetizers and dessert*

*Great Entertainment  
& games too!*



***December 14th at 6:00pm***

*\$32.00 per person.*

***See details and reservation information inside this issue. NOTE THE DEADLINE!***



## **Il Messaggero**

Co-Presidents Marilyn Thelen & Janice Walker

Evviva per la festa! What a fabulous event it was! On a beautiful afternoon 120 people relished delicious appetizers, superb Viano wine and a tasty lasagna dinner. Alana Macdonald and her many helpers did an outstanding job to make this festa the best ever! Thank you everyone and viva la festa!

In September IBC, Interbranch Council, had their first meeting of the year. Interbranch is made up of representatives, usually the presidents, from each branch in the county, but any member is welcome to attend. IBC's purpose is to provide training, share ideas and resources, and coordinate branches when one voice is needed. Our branch is well represented at IBC, as Muriel Fry is this year's Vice Chair and Marlene Maksel is the Secretary. IBC meets the last Tuesday of alternate months. Let us know if you would like to join us. Next meeting is November 27.

You may have heard about AAUW's \$tart \$mart program. Its goal is to train college women on how to negotiate salary and benefits when seeking a job with the hope of closing the gender gap when it comes to equal pay for equal work. Elena Noble has been part of the team setting up this program at nearby colleges and has been appointed the NorCal Manager for this statewide program. Congratulations, Elena!

Did you know that AAUW is celebrating 130 years? In honor of that anniversary, AAUW is giving a copy of Lilly Ledbetter's book, Grace and Grit: My Fight For Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond, while supplies last, as a thank you to individuals who donate at least \$130. This may be something you wish to consider when you respond to the AAUW Funds letter that you received either at the brunch or in the mail.

Recently you should have received the CA AAUW newsletter, *Perspective*. On the last page is the "Every Member Survey". AAUW CA will use the results of this survey to help determine priorities for 2013-2015. Make your voice heard! Mail the completed survey by December 1 or do it online. Website information and mailing address are listed on page 10.

Speaking of voices! Be sure to vote Tuesday, November 6. If you've been reading the AAUW emails you know how critical your vote is to ensure that women's rights continue to advance.

On a local level, join us for our meeting with the mayors on November 28 to voice your local concerns and questions.

**BOARD MEETING NOV. 14 – ROLLING GREEN CLUBHOUSE**



### **Upcoming Programs - mark the date** **January Program** **Annual Soup Supper and** **International Speaker**

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Hillcrest Congregational Church  
404 Gregory Lane  
Pleasant Hill

**Speaker: our own Elena Noble**  
**Slideshow of the 1939 Treasure Island,**  
**Golden Gate exposition**

Co-Program VPs  
Sherrie Moore and Shelley Jacobson



### **Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website**



You have to see the Festa pictures from our September fundraiser at the Viano Winery on the Community Action page. Check out the upcoming Programs and mark your calendar. Did you know you can see all of our Martinez and Pleasant Hill past presidents and the current board members on the website? Look at the new interest groups that have begun this fall. Need information from a previous newsletter – find it on the website.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the About Us page.

Marilyn Tubbs and Sherrie Moore



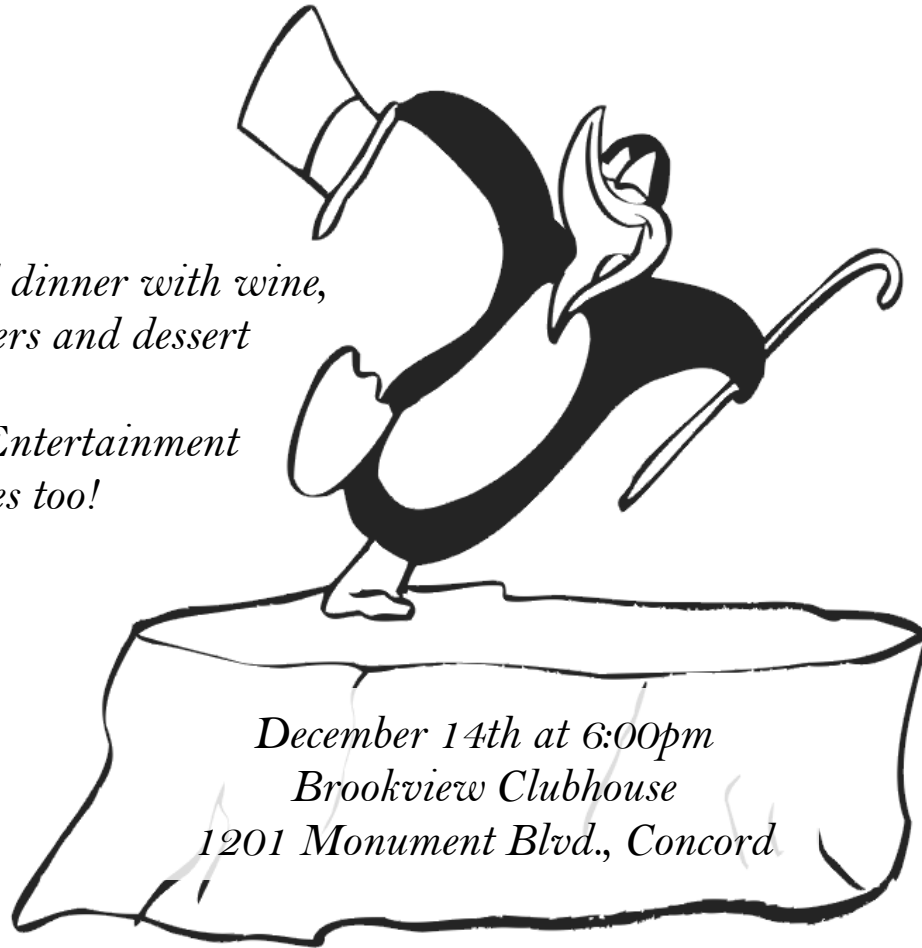
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*December 14th at 6:00pm  
Brookview Clubhouse  
1201 Monument Blvd., Concord*

*\$32.00 per person.*

*Limited reservations available until December 1 or until sold out.*

*Make your check payable to PHAAUW and mail to:*

*Sandra Wolfe, 156 Elderwood Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523*



*Put on your favorite penguin suit, little black dress,  
pajamas or jogging suit. Be creative!*

*Dress up or dress down just make it black and white.*

## INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



### \*\*BRIDGE

**Evening Bridge** – Monday night evening bridge **November 5th**, we play at Elizabeth DiPietro's, 7P. Please call or e-mail if you would like to play. Call Elizabeth at 210-0281.



**Grand Slammers** - will not play in November, due to the absence of our leader.



### **Middle of the Road Bridge**

We are not beginners anymore! If you are not a beginner or an expert this group is for you. We meet at various members' homes on the second Friday of the month. We will play **Nov. 9th** at Alana Macdonald's home and Dec. 7th (note date change due to the Holiday Party) at Sandy Wolfe's home. Call the hostess to reserve a spot. First come, first served!



### \*\* MORNING BOOKS

will meet on Wednesday, **November 7th**, 10 am, at Janice Walker's. We will be discussing *In the Garden of Beasts* by Eric Larson. Even though the topic is rather grim (events leading up to WWII), it takes place in Berlin and is revealing about the early Hitler days, and how many, Americans included, were mesmerized and swayed by his rhetoric. In December, we will be reading *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. Please join us for a great discussion!



### \*\* WALKING WOMEN

will walk on Tuesdays, **November 6th and 20th**, 9 am. We are still doing a schedule of every two weeks, but we might switch to every week, if there is enough interest. On **November 6th**, we will meet at Hillcrest Center on Morello Avenue and repeat our walk north on the Canal Trail. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel, if you are planning to be there on either date so we won't go off without you!!!



### \*\* CULTURAL CONNECTION

will take a break over the holiday months and plan to meet again in January. Watch your N.E.W.S. for where we will be going and what we will be seeing!



\*\* **LUNCHIN' LADIES** will also take a break until January. The calendars for November and December are already pretty full! If you have a suggestion for a good place to eat, please call, or email, Marlene Maksel. Watch for info in your N.E.W.S. about the January lunch spot.



### \*\* IN INDELIBLE INK

will meet on Wednesday, **November 14th**, 10 am, at Marti Martin's. Our topic will be "The Art (or Lost Art) of Writing a Letter." We would love to hear your story and we like hearing **oral** versions, too! We don't critique your writings, so there is no pressure. Please come!



### \*\* EVENING BOOKS

will meet on Monday, **November 26th**, 7 pm, at Sally Whitsett's. We will be discussing an old classic, *Emma*, by Jane Austen. Maybe you've never actually read the book! Here's your chance ~ see how it compares with the numerous versions on film. Please join us for a great discussion.



### \*\* MATINEE IDLE

will go to the movies on Thursday, **December 6**. Because November and December are busy at the end of the month, I'm combining 2 months by meeting early in December. We usually attend a matinee at a local theatre. Call Marlene (689-5439), if you are planning to attend, or if you have any suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie afterwards over coffee or other liquid refreshment.



*I am so grateful to so many of you for another very successful Festa. We took in \$4,545. We netted \$3,140. These funds will be distributed among EF, Tech Trek, and local scholarships as determined by our Ways and Means Committee. We fed dinner to 120 people. We sold 123 tickets. For every one of the many tasks involved in this endeavor, someone stepped up and volunteered. We are a group of women who want to make a difference in this world and who get things done. Many thanks to all who helped, including spouses. Even the weather cooperated!*


*Alana MacDonald*



## Membership Matters

Reba Siero and Elena Noble, Membership VP's



We want to thank all of you who have sent us potential names for new members. It is because of your advocacy that AAUW is nationally over 100,000 voices strong. Just recently, while reviewing the National web site [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) we came across a new page called **The AAUW Experience**. It is an active visual of the AAUW Town Square with a Courthouse, Library, Office Building,  University Campus and Town Hall. It represents the broad scope of how we represent and support women and girls. By clicking on each building you will hear tutorials and see videos of programs currently in practice both locally and nationally. If you have time, take a look at this online community and encourage those who are thinking about joining AAUW to do so as well.

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), click on **About AAUW**, and then click on **AAUW Experience**. Have fun!!

Here are some errors and corrections to the roster. Please update your rosters with this new information.

**Shirlee Thompson** does not have an email address.

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If you find any other errors or make any changes to your own information, please let Reba know at [rebasiero@yahoo.com](mailto:rebasiero@yahoo.com) and we will include it in our next NEWS article.

*A memorial service  
for Susi Weight  
Sunday, November 4  
2 p.m.*

*Kairos Hall  
Danville Congregational Church  
989 San Ramon Valley Blvd.  
Danville*

*We welcome new member:*

### **Rachel Harris**

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San Francisco State University (BA Photography)  
Rachel makes it 3 generations of the Harris family in our branch! Wonderful!

*And welcome back to renewing member:*

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## Public Policy

Nancy Hobert

The following is a summary of AAUW positions on measures that have qualified for the November, 2012 ballot. For a listing of the four initiatives and one referendum that have been deemed relevant to AAUW priorities see your Oct. NEWS or the website at <http://aauw-ca.org>. Click on **Public Policy** in the left hand column.

**\*Proposition 30 – Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding.**  
AAUW CA recommends a **Yes vote**

**\*Proposition 31 – State Budget Process**  
AAUW CA recommends a **No vote**

**\*Proposition 35 – Human Trafficking**  
AAUW CA takes no position but members should study this one carefully.

**\*Proposition 38 – Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs**  
AAUW CA takes a **Neutral position** on Proposition 38.

**\*Proposition 40 – Referendum on the Citizens Redistricting Commission Senate District Boundaries.**  
AAUW CA urges a **Yes vote**





# COMMUNITY

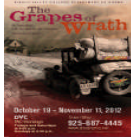
## Pleasant Hill

Marlene Maksel

### **"Grapes of Wrath"**

DVC is presenting this classic every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (matinee) continuing through November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Call 687-4445 for



ticket information.

### **I am a Poet ~ An Evening of Prosody and Psalms**

Saturday, 17 November, 8 pm



A DVC Chamber Singers Concert Chorale

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 Mary Drive, P. H.

\$15 and \$20

### **Grand and Sublime**

Friday, 30 November, 8 pm

A DVC Wind Bands

presentation featuring

*Esther Rayo, soprano and Alan Kingsley, flute.*

Performing Arts Center



**For the full roster of DVC 2012-2013**

**Performing Arts events check out**

<http://www.dvc.edu/events/arts/>



## **Volunteers Needed**

One day - Nov. 13

One hour – 7:30am – 8:30am

College Park High School

If you're an early riser and would like to have a brief encounter with some wonderful kids, contact Kit Hein (228-7503) ASAP. I need help with registration for a **Challenge Day** event.



## Martinez

Harriett Burt

Calling all Children and Grandchildren!

It's Holiday Time in Martinez

### **SPOOKTACKULAR TRUNK OR TREAT**



**October 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Local businesses have sponsored creative and fun decorated car trunks parked on the street to welcome visiting trick or treaters who can also fill their bags at local businesses! Face painting, free pictures of kids in costume.

Free admission!

### **DOWNTOWN MARTINEZ GHOST WALK**



**October 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31**

8 to 9:30 p.m.

\$25 per person

Central Valley Paranormal presents a historical ghost walk tour of downtown Martinez. For more information, call 228-3577 or go to [www.mainstreetmartinez.org](http://www.mainstreetmartinez.org) or [www.cvparanormal.com](http://www.cvparanormal.com).

### **POKER TOURNAMENT**

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF DIABLO VALLEY**

1301 Alhambra Avenue in Martinez

**November 9**

\$60 donation

\$1000 in chips,



includes

two drink tickets, snacks and prizes

Open to those 21 years of age or older

For more information and tickets contact

Tina Busker at 228-3896 or [Tbusker@bgcdv.org](mailto:Tbusker@bgcdv.org).

### **GOLD RUSH!** The Contra Costa History Center exhibit

continues **through November 17**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is free.

### **DOWNTOWN MARTINEZ SNOW PARK AND HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE:** Winter holiday fun for children and and their adults

**November 30, December 1-2**

Main Street, Martinez

For more info call Main Street Martinez at 228-3577 or

[www.mainstreetmartinez.org](http://www.mainstreetmartinez.org)

# EDUCATION

Claudia Bass



## Education at the Ballot Box

November 6<sup>th</sup> will be upon us before we know it and there are two propositions that are intended to help education financially by raising taxes. Even though they have good intentions for funding public education unfortunately they are both in competition to win and one will cancel the other.

There are differences in what will be funded. Proposition 30 will allocate 89% of the revenues to K-12 schools and 11% to community colleges.



**AAAUW CA position on this proposition is a yes vote.** Higher education are also in favor of prop 30

especially community colleges who are in dire straights financially. Not only does prop 30 fund education but other essential programs as well.

Proposition 38 will designate most of the revenue for public school districts and early childhood development programs. AAAUW CA takes a neutral position but has some reservations about this proposition.

So go to the polls and speak to the future of education in California which is in financial dire

straights.



IT'S MY VOTE: I WILL BE HEARD -  
VOTER EDUCATION AND  
ELECTIONS NEWS

Check out yesterday's **It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard** campaign update for the latest news on the election and AAUW's get-out-the-vote efforts!

[www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/](http://www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/)



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The "In Indelible Ink" interest section wrote a serial over the summer. Each of us wrote a scene and passed it along to the next person. It actually turned out pretty well and we would like to share it with the members. (Maybe it will encourage some new people to join us.) We'll send one scene each month to keep you interested ☐ (There are 7 scenes altogether.)

## **A SMILE SAID IT ALL (Summer, 2012)**

Serial written by the members of  
Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW  
In Indelible Ink Interest Section

(Scene 2 -- Maxine Walden)

"We were beginning to worry," said the young man. He was handsome with red, curly hair and blue/green eyes. He was slim and wearing Khaki's and a green shirt. About 5' 11", he was certainly the type of young man to give ladies in any audience the heart flutters. An easy grin also showed white, even teeth -- the sign of a good orthodontist!

The young man's wide, easy smile was repeated by about 30 others in the room as they all stepped forward to shake the distinguished gentleman's hand or touch him lightly on the shoulder and welcome him to their assembly.


There were murmurs and a laugh now and then and a general rustle as people took seats, arranged purses and notebooks and settled down for an hour or two of questions, answers, tall tales and laughter.

Their special guest took off his hat and hung it on the post of a chair. He sat down on the edge of the table and put one foot on the chair seat next to him -- a very casual, relaxed position. And then he proceeded to comb his thinning, white hair.

"Well now, " he said. "Thank you all for making this trip today. I know some of you came from Westport, Conn., and Long Island and the Finger Lakes area of New York as well as our glorious city of New York. So, let's not waste time. Shall we begin?"

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**These are the Thanksgiving side dishes that Lesley Stiles prepared for us at our October Program. Enjoy! Congratulations to Jeanne McGinnis for winning the donated Farmers' Market Gift Certificate Door Prize.**

**Sherrie Moore and Shelley Jacobson**

### **Quinoa**

Quinoa, pronounced keen-wa, is an ancient Peruvian grain that contains the 24 essential amino acids required to fully utilize protein making it a complete protein grain as well as high in fiber counteracting carbohydrates. The taste is different than any other grain and has a much higher nutritional value. It is a little nutty and sweet as well as crunchy.

#### **Quinoa and Brown Rice Pilaf w/ Fresh Toasted Almonds and Herbs**

½ cup quinoa	½ cup brown rice
1 red onion, chopped	2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 cup of cubed butternut squash	½ cup fresh almonds, toasted and chopped
½ cup vegetable stock	2 tablespoons olive oil
¼ cup of chopped fresh herbs such as parsley, tarragon, thyme	
Salt and pepper to taste	

Cook quinoa and rice separately as directed. Sauté onion, garlic and squash in oil until slightly caramelized. Mix grains, herbs, sautéed onions and garlic together and heat through using stock as needed to keep it moist. Season to taste. Serves 6.

#### **Napa Cabbage Salad w/ Fuyu, Feta and Lemon**

1 head of Napa cabbage, thinly sliced and sliced romaine  
 1 Fuyu persimmon, quartered and sliced thin  
 (Substitute Satsuma Mandarins in winter)  
 4 scallions, thinly sliced  
 ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
 ¼ cup crumbled feta or chevre cheese  
 2 tablespoons of olive oil  
 Juice and zest of 1 large lemon  
 Sea salt and pepper

Toss everything together in a bowl. Serves 6.

# November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCT 28 Mtz. Trunk or Treat	OCT 29 Mtz. Ghost Walk	OCT 30 Mtz. Ghost Walk	OCT 31 Mtz. Ghost Walk	1	2	3 DVC – “Grapes of Wrath”
4 <u>Susie Weight Memorial</u>	5  <u>Evening Bridge</u>	6  <u>Walking Women</u>	7  <u>Morning Books</u>	8	9  <u>Middle of the Road Bridge</u>	10 DVC – “Grapes of Wrath”
11 DVC – “Grapes of Wrath”	12	13 Challenge Day at CPHS	14 <u>In Indelible</u> 	15	16	17 DVC – Chamber Singers
18	19	20  <u>Walking Women</u>	21	22	23	24
25	26  <u>Evening Books</u>	27	28 <u>Meet the Mayors</u>	29	30 DVC Wind Bands Mtz. Snow Park&Parade	DEC 1 <u>Holiday Party Reservation Deadline</u>

**SAVE THE DATE:** [DEC. 6 “Matinee Idle”](#); [DEC. 14 “Black & White Ball”](#); [JAN. 16 “Annual Soup Supper”](#)



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**Membership – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy 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.**