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The next issue will come out September 1.)*



The Dog Days of Summer

AAUW Summer Social

Saturday, August 10, 2013
6pm - ?

Muriel and Roger Fry's Home
1235 Barott Rd., Lafayette
(near Acalanes High School)

BBQ RIBS AND CHICKEN, SALADS, and MORE

\$20 per person

RSVP DEADLINE: AUGUST 5

checks made out to PHM AAUW (memo Summer Social)

mail to: Susanne Reingruber,

14 Pillon Real

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

or call 945-0347.

Please come, bring a guest, and enjoy the company

Although the menu is covered, there is need for extra help.

*If you want to participate, a "work party" will gather at Susanne's house on Friday to
prep the food. Call Susanne for details - 945-0347.*

Set up "muscles" are also needed Friday. Call Muriel to volunteer - 937-4709.



Presidential Postings

Co-Presidents Janice Walker & Kit Hein

"Summertime and the living is easy." It may be "easy" but it's surely busy as your past and present officers and appointed board members close one year and begin another.

June began with our year-end Brunch at Brookview. Thank you Sherrie Moore and committee for the fabulous finale. Then several of us assisted at the Interbranch Council's Ice Cream Social camp send-off for the Tech Trek girls. Sincere gratitude is extended to Trinkia March, our Tech Trek coordinator, for all her efforts overseeing this program throughout the year. Thanks, too, is extended to the Pleasant Hill Rotary, Shell Oil Company and the Martinez Kiwanis for their donations to our Tech Trek program. Midway through the month your 2013-14 officers and board members officially kicked off their year at our annual joint board meeting hosted by Marilyn Thelen at her lovely home. We are indebted for Marilyn's hospitality.

While all this was happening here, our own Elena Noble, who is the Northern CA Program Coordinator for Start Smart, delivered the introduction for Lilly Ledbetter and others who were panelists discussing the Wage Act at the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans. Well done, Elena!

Now the planning begins! During these next two months program, finance, Festa, membership, summer social and other committees will be meeting to plan and organize for our upcoming year. It's a chance for all members to become a part of what's happening. If you would like to participate, give us a call and we can direct you to the proper chair person.

The results of the CA election are in. Only 12.9% of the membership voted. The Public Policy Priorities for 2013-14 were approved. The amendment to reduce the number of state directors from 16 to 12 was passed. However, the proposal to increase dues by \$4 failed. Thus, our AAUW CA President, Alicia Hetman, stated in an email that "the state board did not make this proposal for a state dues increase lightly, and we are deeply concerned about the long term impact on the organization by the failure of the proposal."

Once again we would like to thank all those whose efforts provided the branch with an outstanding 2012-13 year; and, to all those who were willing to accept a position of active participation for this upcoming 2013-14 year, we also extend our sincere appreciation.

Saturday, August 10, is the date of our Summer Social at Muriel and Roger Fry's home. More details are listed in this newsletter. We hope you will "check it out" and join us for some "easy" summertime living! See you there!
Kit and Janice

BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 14
7:00pm
Kit Hein's house
533 Roanoke Drive, Martinez

A REMINDER - DUES ARE PAST DUE. We must send the list of our members to National in July, PLUS you risk not having your name in the 2013-2014 Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW Directory as only members with current paid dues will be listed. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, NOW IS THE TIME. The good news – the price is still the same: \$83 from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. 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 PHM AAUW) and mail it to:

Gayle Miner
125 Price Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Or you may pay by credit card at:
www.aauw.org- Member Center
Log in with your membership number, go to renew, etc. If you do pay online, please let Gayle know at gayle.miner@yahoo.com

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

(If anything in your Directory record needs correction, please use the application form on the branch website <http://aauw-ph.org> , print and mail with your check)

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

(Remember, this is a 2 month N.E.W.S. Check each section for July & August activities)



**BRIDGE



Grand Slammers

Several years ago, a new bridge group, GRAND SLAMMERS, was started as a fund raiser for Local Scholarship. Each player contributed \$3 each month of play, and \$281 has been given to Local Scholarships. We play on the second Monday of the month at 12:30. All players are invited and bridge players who are not AAUW members are invited to play, too.

Everyone is invited to play..just call or e-mail each month if you would like to play.

Players are many different levels, and we have had lots of fun. Marlene DeLauranti is the "leader" this next year.

July 8, we will play at home of Gayle Garrison
August



**MORNING BOOKS will not meet in

July or August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th, 10 am at Margi Alkire's. We will be discussing *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.



** WALKING WOMEN will try to

continue walking during the summer months. We always go on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9 am. So, save July 9th and 23rd and in August the 2nd and 16th. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel for the location and if you are planning to walk. We wouldn't want to go off without you!



** MATINEE IDLE will continue during

the summer. We will go to the movies on Thursday, July 25th and on Thursday, August 22nd. If you are a regular Matinee Idle participant, you will receive an email regarding the movie scheduled for those two dates.



** CULTURAL CONNECTION will not

tour in July or August.



** LUNCHIN' LADIES will not meet in July or August. Watch the N.E.W.S. for a September date.



** IN INDELIBLE INK will not meet in

July or August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th.



** EVENING BOOKS will not meet in

July or August. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 23rd and we will be discussing *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson.



** BOOK EXCHANGE- 2nd CALL

Don't miss your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2013 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 2 Exchange lists started 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 or Email _mkhbibliophile@aol.com (<mailto:mkhbibliophile@aol.com>) with your selected title and author PRIOR to purchasing your book.

SAVE THE DATE

Plans are already being made for the first General Meeting of the 2013-2014 AAUW Year. Mark your calendars now for

Saturday, September 14

for our Membership Brunch. We'll hear from the Tech Trekkers about their camp experiences, learn about sections' plans for the year and catch up with summer news. More info in the Sept. N.E.W.S. (Look for a special raffle notice elsewhere in this issue)



IN MEMORY

Marilyn Tubbs 1930-2013

Marilyn joined AAUW in 1963. This year would have been her 50th year and she would have received her Lifetime Membership.

She was an active member in our branch and CCC IBC. She served as our chapter president two times. She was active in many of our sections: Play Reading, Morning Books, III, Bridge, and the SAM program at Fair Oaks School just to name a few. She was our newsletter editor for several years and blazed the trail by establishing our branch website.

Marilyn's life included being a nurse, involvement in numerous community service projects, a devoted wife and mother of three sons. Her grandchildren were a pure joy to her.

She is interred in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon. This place was chosen because it reminded her of the wide open farm lands of Kansas, her home state and where she spent her childhood.

She was a remarkable woman. Her sweet, gentle kindness shall be missed.

Donations may be made to the
Marilyn Tubbs Memorial Scholarship Fund
18 Monivea Place
Pleasant Hill CA 94523



Calling all "Crafty" Members



At our September Brunch, we plan to have a raffle of homemade items by our members to benefit Tech Trek. If you wish to donate something to the raffle, please contact Sherrie Moore at sherriemoore@sbcglobal.net or 229-4177.

AAUW LEADERSHIP TRAINING IS THE BEST

Look for these fliers further on in this issue:

**Start Smart Facilitator Training*
Wed., July 24, AAUW San Jose HQ

**CCC Interbranch Council Leadership Training*
Sat., July 27 - Benicia

All branch officers are encouraged to attend. Any branch member is welcome.



Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Sherrie Moore, webmaster



SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE TREASURERS

If your office or position or program or section or committee might need funding for this next year, be sure to attend the Budget Meeting on

**Monday,
July 22,
7 pm**

at the home of Janice Walker

The 2013-14 budget will be developed for presentation and approval at the Sept meeting.

Check out all of the new pictures and information on our website –photos of our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek Recipients on the Community Action Page, our 2013-2014 Board, Barbara Newachek Honoree, a tribute to Marilyn Tubbs on the About Us Page, and pictures from our June Brunch (awards) and Game Day (to support AAUW Funds) on the Photos Page. Also – from the About Us Page, click on the Officers 2013-2014 button to see our new executive and appointed officers and positions. 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.

COMMUNITY in JULY

Diane Peterson

PLEASANT HILL

4 Thurs. - 8:00 Firecracker 5 K Fun Run, 9:30 Parade; 10:30 Fun at the Park; 9 PM Fireworks at

College Park 

Sundays – 6-8 PM Sunset by the Lake Summer Concert at the City Hall lawn-see website for details

18 Thurs.- 6:30-8:30 PM Downtown Plaza Concert Series (next to Jack's Restaurant) with "Fast Times" and a wine tasting booth sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce

27 Sat. – 12 PM – 6 PM, Blues & Brews Festival at Pleasant Hill Park; more info.

www.bluesandbrewsfestival.com

Every Saturday – Farmers' Markets, 9am – 1 PM next to Jack's Restaurant

MARTINEZ

4 Thurs - 8:00 am Flag Raising at the Veterans Memorial Building, **8:00 - 10:00 am** Pancake Breakfast at Roxx on Main, **10:00 am** Parade down Main Street, **9:30 PM** Fireworks at the Marina, more info. director@mainstreetmartinez.org

6 Sat. – 10 am – noon, Annual Fishing Derby,



ages 5-12 can fish for free at the Martinez Marina, Pre-registration required by Thurs. July 3; (925) 372-3510

11 Thurs. – 5:30-7:30 PM Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Alhambra Ave.

John Muir National Historic Site
for more info. Call (925) 228-8860

6 Sat. - 7 PM Free Camp Fire Program
21 Sun. – 9 am Morning walk on Mt. Wanda
22 Mon. – Full Moon walk on Mt.
27 Sat. – 10 am-2PM, Family Day - activities for children and families

BAY AREA

July 24-27 **"Bridge to Equality"**



National Association of Commissioners for Women
43rd Annual Business Meeting & Conference
San Jose Marriott Hotel
More info? <http://nacw.org/conference/>

TECH TREK

Sherrie Moore

The recipients of our AAUW Tech Trek Science and Math camp awards attended the Sonoma State campus from June 23rd thru the 29th. The camp helps encourage these girls, who will be entering eighth grade in the fall, to consider careers in science, math, engineering, or technology. It features hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields. Campers were exposed to programs in fields such as astronomy, engineering, chemistry, marine biology, and environmental studies to enhance their learning experience and introduce the students to a variety of potential career areas. This year the following four outstanding students from Martinez and Pleasant Hill were chosen because of their passion for math and science: Adrianna Vinogradov (Sequoia Middle School), Hayley Ward (Martinez Junior High School), Masha Marchenko (Valley View Middle School), and Emma Swanson (Pleasant Hill Middle School).

Congratulations to these exceptional girls.



AAUW FUNDS

Marlene Maksel & Laurel Gaiser

Mark your calendars NOW. Although it seems like a long way away, the chance to listen to our local scholars talk about their studies is an opportunity not to be missed.

AAUW FUNDS LUNCHEON
Sunday, October 20, 2013
Danville (Crow Canyon Country Club)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU - from Tena Gallagher, D-A-WC Branch. The Research&Project grant set up in her name has been fully funded in just 3 years, thanks in part from donations from our branch. "I thank you for your help to make this happen from the bottom of my heart!" Now the money goes to work:)

TAKE ACTION!

Action Alert: California

Take 2 Minutes to Preserve the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
Your help is needed NOW

The California Commission on the Status of Women & Girls has been fighting to exist. Advocates fought back many attempts to completely eliminate the Commission. Now, the Commission exists BUT WITH NO STATE FUNDING. Staff will need to rely on fundraising to finance their relatively small annual budget of approximately \$500,000 but need time to generate those funds.

The State Assembly approved:

1. A one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 to allow the Commission time to fundraise, with private monies being spent before GF monies can be used.
2. Approval to spend up to \$500,000.
3. Creation of a special fund so that monies raised would be protected from state "borrowing".

The Senate budget version did not address the Commission's issues at all.

Now the Joint Assembly and Senate Budget Conference Committee is meeting to reconcile the Assembly and Senate versions of the budget. These hearings are occurring throughout this week.

Please contact the Conference Committee members NOW and ask them to approve the Assembly version of these budget items in order for the Commission to continue to exist. The Commission is a vital resource in the fight to raise the visibility of how state policy decisions affect women on a daily basis.

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/ca/issues/alert/?alertid=62708406&PROCESS=Take+Action>

PUBLIC POLICY POSITION OPEN

The 2013-15 Public Policy Action Priorities were approved by the AAUW-CA membership and are consistent with national AAUW Public Policy Principles. Our branch needs someone to fill the position of Public Policy Officer to keep the branch active and informed. Call Janice (827-3374) or Kit (228-7503) to volunteer NOW!

2013– 2014 Leadership Team

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July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5	6  Martinez Fishing Derby
7  PH Sunset by the Lake Music	8 12:30PM  Grand Slammers	9  Walking Women	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  PH Sunset by the Lake Music	22 7PM  BUDGET MEETING	23  Walking Women	24 \$TART \$MART FACILITATOR TRAINING	25  Matinee Idle	26	27  INTERBRANCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TRAINING
28	29	30	31			

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  Walking Women	3  John Muir free Campfire Program
4  PH Sunset by the Lake Music	5 Summer Social reservation deadline	6	7	8	9  SS WORK PARTIES	10  "Dog Days of Summer" - 6PM
11	12	13	14  7 PM BOARD MEETING Kit Hein's	15	16  Walking Women	17
18  PH Sunset by the Lake Music	19	20	21	22  Matinee Idle	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SAVE THESE DATES: **Sept. 4**-Morning Books; **Sept. 11**-In Indelible Ink; **Sept. 14**-General Membership Brunch; **Oct. 20**-AAUW Funds lunch



East Bay District Leadership Training

Saturday, July 27, 2013

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Heritage Presbyterian Church

1400 East 2nd St., Benicia

Advance registration deadline: July 20

Walk-ins welcome, but workshop space will only be guaranteed to advance registrations. Fill in registration form and email in by the July 20 deadline.

Cost: \$5 per person

To provide AAUW members with meaningful leadership training at minimal cost, we ask each branch to bring a salad (for 10) for lunch. The host Benicia-Vallejo branch will provide morning snacks, beverages and dessert. Email in advance registration; payment made be made at the door. Make checks payable to “AAUW IBC”

Agenda

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|--------------------|---|
| 9 – 9:30 a.m. | Registration/networking/morning snack |
| 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. | Welcome and introductions – Sandy Kirkpatrick |
| 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. | “Exemplary Leadership Practices”
Keynote speaker Alicia Hetman, AAUW CA President |
| 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. | “Membership Recruitment and Retention Strategies”
Krys Wulff, AAUW (national) Membership Committee Chair |
| 10:45 – 11 a.m. | Break |
| 11 – 11:45 a.m. | Break-Out Workshops – Session 1 |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 | Lunch Round-Table Discussions |
| 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. | Break-Out Workshops – Session 2 |
| 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. | Tour of state and (newly redesigned!) national AAUW websites:
Where to find all the resources you need! |
| 1:45 – 2 p.m. | Wrap up and evaluations – Marie Bonilla |

Questions? Contact: Muriel Fry at 925-937-4709 or mnrfray@comcast.net

Fill out this registration form and email to Muriel Fry (mnr fry@comcast.net)
NO LATER than July 20 to be guaranteed workshop space.

Name: _____

Branch: _____

Leadership Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

If you are attending to learn about a specific leadership position for your branch, we encourage you to sign up more than one break-out session. Every branch is stronger when more of its members/leaders are knowledgeable about multiple roles. Branch leadership is a team effort!

Break-Out Workshops – Session 1 (select one):

____ **AAUW Funds** – *Presenters: Tena Gallagher & Roseann Krane*

Covering: AAUW Funds structure, handling donations, tax issues, record-keeping, how to set up a fellowship, encouraging fellowship applicants, branch named gift honorees... and Q&A

____ **Finance** – *Presenter: Jean Simutis*

Covering: branch budget, record-keeping, reports that make sense to your board, deadlines, reporting requirements (including tax forms), enrolling your branch in AAUW's MPP option... and Q&A

____ **Program** – *Presenter: Sandy Kirkpatrick*

Covering: Finding a balance in program offerings, creative options, mission-based programs, resources, networking and setting up coalitions, partnering... and Q&A

Break-Out Workshops – Session 2 (select one):

____ **Leadership/President** – *Presenter: Marie Bonilla*

Covering: how to run a meeting, parliamentary procedure, key communications techniques for effective leadership... and Q&A

____ **Membership** – *Presenter: Krys Wulff*

Covering: resources, AAUW membership recruitment campaigns, outreach materials, how to create an “elevator speech” for all members to use... and Q&A

____ **Communications** – *Presenters: Teresa Cheung & Roseann Krane*

Covering: internal communications (newsletters, effective use of email, directories) and external communications (websites, social media, publicity)... and Q&A

Lunch Round Table Discussions (select one):

___ Presidents ___ Secretaries ___ Finance ___ AAUW Funds ___ Public Policy
___ Newsletters ___ Websites/Social Media ___ Programs ___ Membership
___ Publicity ___ Tech Trek ___ Speech Trek ___ Fundraising



Start Smart Facilitator Training in San Jose

When: Wednesday, July 24th, 2013

Site: AAUW - San Jose HQ, 1165 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, CA 95125
408-294-2430

Time: 4:00PM to 7:30 PM PST

Contact: Annie Houle, National Director of the WAGE Project,
ahoule@wageproject.org, office: 828-505-4553, cell: 207-329-4572

Cost: The cost of the Facilitator training is \$100 with \$50 returned to the Facilitator after she/he either facilitates a workshop or secures a new campus. Checks should be made out to the WAGE Project, and Annie will collect them at the training.

RSVP: Please let Annie know as soon as possible so we can reserve a spot for you and have ample training materials available.

Note: We are working on having food available, but that has not been decided. We will provide that information to all who register.

Sponsors:

AAUW San Jose Branch

Office of Women's Policy, Office of the County Executive, Carla D. Collins, Policy Analyst, (408) 299-5152, 408-655-8766 cell

WAGE PROJECT

FYI- This workshop is being presented separately from the National Association Of Commissions for Women Convention. There will be no other charge for the Facilitator Training except the training fee mentioned above.