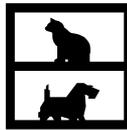




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 Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy,
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Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 pm
Brookview Clubhouse, 1201 Monument Blvd.



Win a door prize!!!



Our speaker is **Joan Morris**, Contra Costa Times
 Editor and Columnist

You may have read her columns: *Joan's World*, *the Diet Club*, and now *Pets and Wildlife*.

Joan is also the editor of the *Home and Garden Section*.

Come and enjoy an entertaining and educational evening.



Upcoming Program - mark the date

June - End of the Year Brunch
 Saturday, June 1st, 10:00 am - noon
 Brookview Clubhouse



Installation of new officers
 Honor Local Scholarship and Tech Trek Camp girls
 Barbara Newacheck Award



Sherrie Moore and Shelley Jacobson, Program VPs



Il Messaggero

Co-Presidents Marilyn Thelen & Janice Walker

Those who attended our NorCal Sisters in Crime luncheon know it was a great kick-off for Spring. Once again our Program VPs, Shelley Jacobson and Sherrie Moore, did an outstanding job organizing this event. Crime related decorations by Carole Larson and yummy cookies provided by Joy Barden, Laurel Gaiser and Charlotte Liniger, as well as an entertaining presentation by our mystery writers, all contributed to make it a delightful afternoon. Thank you, Ladies!

In an attempt to decrease expenses and to increase needed revenue, AAUW CA members are being asked to vote for the following proposals listed below. This voting takes place on-line from April 21 to May 11. The proposals are:

- To increase AAUW CA dues by \$4, from \$16 to \$20, effective July 1, 2014.
- To amend the AAUW CA bylaws to reduce the number of directors from 16 to 12, effective July 1, 2013.

More information about the proposals including a "How To Vote" video can be found on the AAUW CA website. Declining membership and rising costs have necessitated this request from the State for a dues increase, the first one in eight years. If you have any questions about this process or are without computer access, do contact us. Please show your support with your vote.

We definitely are living in a time of change! Recent current events point to the ongoing changes in our lives from technology to church leadership. Maybe you noticed on the front page of this publication, or saw it on the website, or read about it in the publication, *Inside AAUW*, that for the fourth time in our 131 year history AAUW has changed its logo. The new logo was designed to keep pace with communication formats while reflecting our purpose. Check it out!

You may know that Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) on February 28th. This outcome had been doubtful, but women made their voices heard and their influence helped propel Congress to act. President Obama then signed the Act into law in early March.

Congratulations, everyone! Once again the voices of women brought about change!

Don't forget to put April 17 and April 20 on your calendar. April 17 is our monthly meeting featuring Contra Costa Times writer, Joan Morris. More details are found in the front of this newsletter. April 20 is our State Convention Day in Sacramento. Registration is still possible. Check the website: www.aauw-ca.org, for more details. Hope to see you at both!

Marilyn & Janice

BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013
ROLLING GREEN CLUBHOUSE
7PM

Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW

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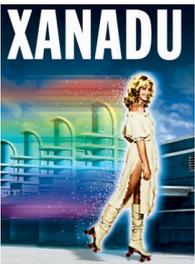


What an enjoyable day was had by all at our Sisters in Crime March Program meeting. See pictures of the authors mingling with our members. Check out our new AAUW National logo on our website. Look on the Members Page to see if we have your photo, and contact the webmaster to have your picture taken or retaken.

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

More Theater for Tech Trek



a musical presented by the drama club of Alhambra High School

April 19th, 2013 - 7pm

Alhambra High School Performing Arts

Wine and cheese party before the show:

5:30pm

at the home of Trinka and George March

650 Linden Lane, Martinez

\$30 for the evening and to support Tech Trek

Please send check, payable to PH-Mtz AAUW, by April 12th to Trinka March, 650 Linden Lane, Martinez, so we can have tickets reserved.

The story of the musical focuses on a Greek [muse, Clio](#), who descends from [Mt. Olympus](#) to [Venice Beach, California](#), in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest creation of his life - a [roller disco](#). But when Clio, disguised as an Australian roller girl named Kira, falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation, and Clio risks eternal banishment to the underworld.

Planning Way Ahead for LAF



Pleasant Hill-Martinez is hosting an afternoon of

Bridge and Mexican Train

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

12:30-4:00

Brookview Clubhouse

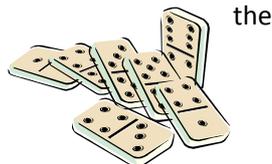
\$10 will be collected to benefit AAUW FUNDS (LAF)

Not a game player? You are welcome to come socialize and have dessert!

Call or e-mail Pat Harris to reserve your spot!

228-6263 or patriciaharris4@mac.com

Open to members and non-members alike.



Where does your money go?

Science and Math Camp for Girls

(Quoted from the Tech Trek Website.

See <http://aauw-techtrek.org/>)

Tech Trek is a science and math camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It



features hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields. All sleeping, eating,

instructional, and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held.

Where do we find our campers?

All girls attend Tech Trek camps on scholarships provided by AAUW California branch members, working with participating public middle schools in their area.

Seventh grade science and/or math teachers at these schools recommend camper candidates who must then

pass through an extensive qualification process that

includes an application, an essay, and a personal interview. Camp curriculum is targeted specifically at girls entering 8th grade.



AAUW LAF Express

On the recommendation of the LAF Committee, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute funds to seven ongoing LAF cases:

- **Cioca v. Rumsfeld, Klay v. Panetta, and Hoffman v. Panetta — \$15,000**
- **LeBlanc v. Trustees of Indiana University — \$6,500**

For four years, AAUW has supported three lawsuits against Feather River Community College in California. The plaintiffs are former staff members of the institution who allege sex discrimination and retaliation for complaining about sex discrimination in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. In 2007, there was a hearing before the California State Personnel Board. In August 2009, the SPB judge ruled in favor of all three plaintiffs, but in 2010, the full SPB rejected the judge's decision, and the plaintiffs' lawyer appealed. AAUW continues to support

- **Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College — \$5,000**
- **Thein v. Feather River Community College — \$5,000**
- **Wartluft v. Feather River Community College — \$5,000**

Membership Matters

Reba Siero and Elena Noble VPs



Strength is in numbers, and we are now at 108. AAUW PH-Mtz would like to welcome our newest member **Carol Tinsley**. Please add her contact information to your directory.

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ttinsley@att.net

There is also a correction to last month's information:
Vivian Boyd – vivianboyd84@yahoo.com

We were excited to greet quite a few prospective members at our Ladies in Crime Luncheon on the 16th. Many of them asked for information on AAUW and membership to our branch. If you attended with a prospective member remind them that now is a great time to join as there is a bargain to be had. Anyone registering after March 15th will get 15 months of membership for the price of 12. (\$83) Please contact Reba or Elena and we will send them registration information.
Enoble4@astound.net
rebasiero@yahoo.com

SUNSHINE

We wish Jean Hambleton a return to good health. She has had some health problems, but is now back home at Chateau. If you know of any member who needs a card, please give me a call.....Gayle Garrison
798-7528

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Elena Noble and Marilyn Tubbs

This month two events ignited interest in woman's issues:

First,  Facebook CEO, **Sheryl Sandburg** came out with her new book, **Lean Forward**, encouraging women to become more forthright in the workplace. Her appearance on the talk show circuit expanded to other pioneering women such as **Evelyn Murphy**, Founder and President of **The WAGE Project**. She, along with others, joined Sheryl on shows such as **Katie Couric**, to continue the dialogue and give a voice to having more women sitting at the decision making table.

The response has been nothing less than amazing. The phones have been non-stop at WAGE, and the \$tart \$mart Program is what they are interested in seeing on their campuses. In our area we have had calls from as close as Mills College and UC Berkeley, and as far away as Humboldt State. Within our immediate area, **The Inter-branch Council of Contra Costa County** has budgeted for traveling expenses to cover costs of **AAUW Facilitators** who have been trained in delivering **Start Smart** to the local college campuses. To date those funds were used in classes at Saint Mary's College and The California Maritime Academy. We are still looking for contacts at Diablo Valley, Los Medanos and Contra Costa County Jr. Colleges. So the news is great, and we hope to continue the momentum into the fall and well beyond.



EQUAL PAY DAY APRIL 9

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day where women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the year before. It takes almost four extra months each year, thanks to the wage gap. This year's Equal Pay Day will be especially important, as **2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act (originally passed in 1963)**.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**BRIDGE

Evening Bridge – Monday, April 1st,
Shirlee Thompson's., 7PM. I'll remind everyone!



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 at **12:30**. We will play **April 12th at Sherrie Moore's home**. Please call or email her to RSVP.



Grand Slammers - Grand Slammers played bridge in March in memory of our dear friend, Susi Weight. \$24 was given to local scholarship fund in memory of Susi and her support of local scholarships.

Grand Slammers will play **April 8 at 12:30**. Each player contributes \$3 and it is given to AAUW Funds. If you would like to play, please call or e-mail Gayle Garrison. 798-7528 or tarheel61@yahoo.com



**MORNING BOOKS will meet on

Wednesday, April 3rd, 10 am, at Susanne Rheingruber's. We will be reading *Wolf House* by Hilary Mantel. The story is an interesting look at the behind-the-scenes happenings when Henry VIII decides to marry Anne Boleyn, while still married to Queen Katherine ~ with the additional machinations of Thomas Cromwell. In May, we will be reading *The Art of Fielding*, by Chad Harbach. Please join us for great discussions!



**** WALKING WOMEN** will be walking on **April 9th and 23rd** ~Tuesday mornings at 9 am. On the 9th, we will meet at Hillcrest Center and repeat our walk south on the Canal Trail. On the 23rd, we will repeat our walk going south on the Canal Trail starting at Gregory Lane. You will have to park in the Zio Fraedo/Walgreen's lot. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel, if you are planning to be there so we won't go off without you!!!



**** MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on **Thursday, April 25th**. 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 after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.



** CULTURAL CONNECTION is

planning a tour in **April**, on **Tuesday the 16th** to the Asian Museum in the City. We plan to see the Terra Cotta Soldiers, **BUT** tickets have to be purchased in advance, so I need to know how many want to go and I need your money before I reserve the tickets. So, if you are interested, please call Marlene Maksel, so that tickets can be ordered. We will travel by BART, as the museum is just one block away from the Civic Center station.



**** LUNCHIN' LADIES** will not meet in April. In May, we will combine with Cultural Connection for a trip to Napa to see the Hess Collection at the Hess Winery. Then, we will have lunch ~ perhaps at Don Giovanni's. The date will be **Wednesday, May 15th**. Please call, or email, Marlene before the 12th so reservations can be made at the restaurant.



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday, April 10, 10 am**, at Ginny Hargraves's. Our topic will be "Things We Can (or Cannot) Live Without." We would welcome a fictional event on the topic! And, we would love to hear YOUR story ~ **oral** versions, too! We don't critique your writings, so there is no pressure. Please come! I'll be leading other Interest Sections in eliminating FOOD at our meetings ~ just a little coffee and tea.



**** EVENING BOOKS** will meet on **Monday, April 22nd, 7 pm**, at Marti Martin's. We will be discussing *Unbroken* by Lauren Hillenbrand. This is an inspiring story about a young Olympic runner, Louis Zamperini, whose plane is shot down during WWII and his years in a Japanese Prisoner-of War Camp. His indomitable spirit kept him going despite horrendous conditions. He is still alive today. Please join us for a great discussion.



**GENEOLOGY

Sat., April 20, 2013 - Sonoma County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring Barbara Renick www.sgs.org

Sat., May 4, 2013, - San Mateo County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring D. Joshua Taylor www.smcgs.org

May 8-11, 2013 - National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held at the LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

Community

Martinez

Harriett Burt

April 13: 6 to 9 p.m. Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner at the Martinez Event Center on Main Street. For more information go to www.martinezchamber.com

April 20: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contra Costa County Historical Society Grand Opening in its new location at **724 Escobar Street**. Tours all day, refreshments, activities for children and  a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free.

April 20: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

John Muir Birthday-Earth Day  Celebration at John Muir National Historic Site, 4202 Alhambra Ave., Martinez. A variety of booths from local organizations, games, food, entertainment. Admission is free.

April 25: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday Farmers' Market opens  on Sharkey Square (Court Street between Main and Escobar)

Operated by Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association from spring to autumn.

April 27: Second annual Martinez Education Foundation Golf Tournament at Pine Meadows Golf Course, Martinez. For more information call 925-370-0184 or jeni.waters@edwardjones.com

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AAUW ANNOUNCES ITS NEW LOGO

The rollout of AAUW's popular new look continues, with state and branch logos now available for downloading from the AAUW website. The new national and state/branch logos, which come in a variety of formats, may be used only by members and AAUW-affiliated entities for official AAUW business.



Pleasant Hill

Marlene Maksel

E-Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, April 6th, 9 am to 1 pm
DVC on Golf Club Road in P. H.

Rogers Ranch Expo and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 6th, 10 am to 4 pm
315 Cortsen Road, P. H.

Purchase plants and flower) with experts and secrets for growing a



(vegetable, herb ready give you tips good garden.

Earth Day Creek Cleanup

Sunday, April 21st, 9 am to noon

Help clean up Grayson

Go to



Creek!

www.ccrd.org/wc.htm for more info and directions.

Star Quest 2013

"Cruising with the Stars!"

Saturday, April 20, 7 pm and Sunday, April 21, 2 pm

DVC Performing Arts Theatre 

Tickets at Rec & Park Office and at PHPD

\$12 in advance; \$15 at the door.

HELP JO GO BROKE

For many years now, Jo Harberson of the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch (among many others) could be found at our annual conventions offering to match member donations to AAUW Funds. Once again, in 2013, she has offered to continue this tradition at our AAUW CA Annual Meeting. There might be branches or members who are unable to come to the April meeting in Sacramento but would like to contribute \$100 to the Leadership Programs Fund and have her match the amount.

Checks should be made payable to: AAUW Funds, Leadership Programs Fund #4339 and credit to your branch noted on the check Memo line. Please mail checks directly to Jo Harberson, 505 Falconwood Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. She will also match Visa & MasterCard donations but please call her directly at 925-979-0570 with credit card numbers to be safe. She will then forward the checks and credit card numbers to National by registered mail.

AAUW MISSION & ACTION EXCERPTS

Do you receive it? A monthly bulletin that brings AAUW news and updates directly to your e-mail box. Notify your membership VPs if you are not receiving this important membership benefit.

Snowe in New Orleans

For the first time in six years, AAUW will be honoring an Achievement Award winner at our national convention. Recently retired, Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) was the third longest-serving woman in the history of Congress and only the fourth woman to be elected to both houses.



Snowe of built a reputation as one Congress' leading moderates, and during her tenure, she co-chaired the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and provided leadership in establishing the Office of Research on Women's Health. The AAUW Achievement Award, created in 1943, is presented to an individual whose record of achievement advances AAUW's mission. Register today to meet this legendary leader and AAUW friend.

Voting Begins April 15 — Make Your Voice Heard

Voting in this year's AAUW national elections opens online April 15. **All members** may vote on proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program and the AAUW Bylaws and candidates for the national board. Just visit the website after April 15 and bring your member ID and voter PIN, which are listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer *AAUW Outlook* magazine. (Digital *Outlook* subscribers will receive their voting information with their *Outlook* e-mail.) For more information, visit the One Member, One Vote web page or see the voter guide in your *Outlook*.



Fellowships and Grants Alumna Makes Headlines

Did you hear the news? 2011–12 AAUW Selected Professions Fellow Christina Gamba was the lead author of a groundbreaking study at Stanford on



aspirin's effects on lowering the risk of melanoma in women. We are proud to have funded a study that is making a significant contribution to women's health and gaining national attention.

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The "In Indelible Ink" interest section wrote a serial last summer. Each of us wrote a scene and passed it along to the next person. It actually turned out pretty well and we wanted to share it with the members. (Maybe it will encourage some new people to join us.) We've sent one scene each month to keep you interested. This is the conclusion. Visit the PH-MTZ AAUW website to reread all 7 chapters.

A SMILE SAID IT ALL (Summer, 2012)

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

(Scene 7 -- Marti Martin -- Conclusion)

Judi stood up and quickly followed the red-haired young man down the hall. It was difficult to keep up with his fast pace, and she was a little breathless as they stopped in front of a closed door.

"All right," he said. "Mr. O'Toole is resting now but he has indicated that he is ready to see you. You know, you gave him quite a shock. You look so much like her and he knew it wasn't



possible that she was really here. I don't know what you are after, but please try and avoid upsetting him again. I'll be waiting right here outside the door."

Judi slowly opened the door and approached the bed where he was resting. "Hello, Peter." I'm sorry that I gave you a shock. It's been nearly a half-century since the three of us were together. It didn't occur to me that you would think I was Judy." Please forgive me."

Peter said, "You did give me a shock. I knew she was gone and it is so surprising to see such a resemblance even after all these years since you worked as her double in so many films. Now that I have recovered a bit, please tell me what brings you to see me."

Judi held out the parcel she had been carrying. She began, "I had the opportunity to clear out some old storage units from the old television studios at CBS. I came across a box, labeled, *"The Ed Sullivan Show From London with Peter O'Toole & Judy Garland, April, 1963."* I couldn't believe

anyone had kept something from that long-ago show, but inside was an old 8mm film.  It was in remarkable condition and I was able to find someone who could put it on a DVD. It wasn't a copy of the actual broadcast but was an home movie someone had made of you and Judy backstage, singing together. I don't know if you remember but she sang "Smile" and another song for her performance and you and Ed sang "When Irish Eyes were Smiling" together during his interview with you. I remember what fun the two of you had backstage before the show, singing those smile songs and dancing around." It delighted me to see it and I wanted to bring this copy to you. When I saw that you were doing a workshop with the young actors here on Broadway, I thought it would be the perfect time. I'm sorry it didn't work out exactly as I had planned. However, I'm glad you are now doing okay."

Peter replied: "You know, Judi, this was definitely not how I had planned this day, but it has worked out all right in the end. After all is said and done, we are in the business of making people smile and watching this DVD will bring me memories of the great times we had together -- the times



when A SMILE SAID IT ALL."

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Evening Bridge	2	3  Morning Books	4	5	6 E-Waste recycling Rogers Ranch Expo & Plant Sale
7	8  Grand Slammers	9  Walking Women EQUAL PAY DAY	10  In Indelible Ink Board Meeting	11	12  Middle of the Road Bridge	13 Mtz, Citizen OTY
14	15  AAUW National Voting Begins	16  Cultural Connection	17 ANNUAL MEETING Election of Branch Officers	18	19  XANADU for Tech Trek	20 AAUW CA MEETING SAC'TO
21 EARTH DAY Grayson Creek Clean Up	22  Evening Books	23  Walking Women	24	25  Matinee Idle Mtz. Farmers' Market	26	27 Mtz. Ed. Foundation Golf
28	29	30				

SAVE THE DATE: May 29 – Games for LAF; June 1 – End of Year Brunch