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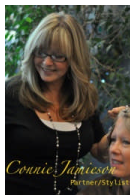
Woman Entrepreneurs Doing Business in our Communities

What is like for woman to be the owner of a business? Are they treated the same or differently than men? Come and join us for lunch and a panel discussion and hear four dynamic woman share their stories on doing business in our communities.

Connie Jamison
Thirteen Hair Salon
Walnut Creek

Dr Katrinka March DVM
Montecito Animal Clinic
Pacheco

Becky & Linda Pheng
Lemon grass Bistro
Martinez



Lemongrass Bistro

501 Main Street
Martinez, Ca

Saturday March 22, 2014

11:30 - 2:00

\$25.00 per person

Name _____ Number of guests _____

Make checks payable to AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez (Seating limited)
RSVP by March 18th 2014

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ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR DINNER TICKETS FOR TAHOE JOE'S!!!

Sunday, March 9th

See details on the Funds page in this NEWS



Presidential Postings

Co-Presidents Kit Hein & Janice Walker

Random Thoughts:

* There is still time to sign up for the AAUW-CA convention, to be held at the Marriott LAX April 11-13. I got too busy to remind everyone last Friday for the Early Bird discount rate, but the branch has voted to pay that rate (\$199), up to \$150 for transportation and \$20 per diem for up to 2 members to attend. Sharing a room helps with hotel costs. Is one of those members you? Call me and let's talk. Kit - 228-7503



* One of the workshops I will be attending at convention concerns statewide voting. This year we have 5 directors to elect as well as once again trying to pass a dues increase. Our branch board will be asking all of you to participate in this election. It will, once again, be held online and we will help wherever we can to get our members to vote. The last election had only a 3% turnout statewide. Please, exercise your membership by finding out how to vote in this upcoming election. Our state officers work very hard to support the branches (there would be no Tech Trek without the state organization) and they deserve our participation.

* What a generous branch we have. The list just arrived for our branch donations to AAUW Funds, 2013. A total of \$6995 was sent from the branch and by individual members, which is equal to \$63/member. Thirteen members gave \$100 or more. \$2500 was raised through participation in fundraisers (Sept. silent tea, Festa, etc.). Much of the money went for the general Funds account, but we also supported leadership programs, LAF, Public Policy, Research & Projects Grants, and Educational Opportunities. PH-MTZ really does work for equity for women and girls.



* Due to an administrative error in the handling of the *California Perspective* distribution lists, about 400 members who had already requested email only delivery actually received mailed hard copies of the state newsletter. The communications team is very sorry this happened and have correctly merged the lists so that it should not happen again. The good news is that requests keep coming in at an excellent pace and there are now over 1700 members who have asked to receive the *California Perspective* by email only. You can join them by sending an email to savepostage@aauw-ca.org with the word YES in the subject line.

* What will you be doing on **April 8**? How about communicating with your Senators and Congressperson to remind them that it is **Equal Pay Day**? This date symbolizes how far into 2014 women must work to earn what men earned in 2013. **Read more in Elena's Start Smart Report.**

* While I was doing some research on the National AAUW website, I ran across the entries for the artwork that will go on those lovely cards we receive every year. Working with the National Museum of Women in the Arts, we host an annual Art Contest to get women artists the equal attention they deserve. Voting ends on Feb. 28 so go to <http://www.aauw.org/contests/> now to cast your vote.

Wow, this has been pretty random. And no mention even of the wonderful work our branch board is doing. Read further for upcoming programs, nominating committee report, and special dates to remember. We hope to see each one of you at one of these events. Kit and Janice

**MARCH BOARD MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014
7 PM
Janice Walker's home
524 Monti Circle, PH**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's nominating committee has developed the following slate of candidates for

PH-MTZ AAUW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015:

Presidential Team ~ Trinkia March & Gayle Miner
Program VPs ~ Harriett Burt & SarahJoy Haynes
Membership VPs ~ Alana MacDonald
& Claudi Bass

AAUW Funds ~ Laurel Gaiser & Marlene Maksel
Secretary ~ Helen Periera

Co-Treasurers ~ Kathy Heath & Jennifer Apkarian

The election will be held at the April General meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor with the prior approval of the nominee. Nominating Committee: Gayle Miner (Chairperson), Marilyn Thelen, Carole Larson, Claudia Bass, Alana Macdonald, Jeanne Mc Ginnis, and Marge Munger.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**** EVENING BRIDGE –** There was no information as of press time. Evening Bridge typically meets on the first Monday which will be **Mar. 3**. Contact Elizabeth 210-0281 bokeyd1106@gmail.com or Gayle 798-7528 tarheel61@yahoo.com for exact time and location.



GRAND SLAMMERS - March 10, 12:30 pm, at Sherrie Moore's. Everyone welcome. Call or e-mail Marlene if you would like to join us.
934-4171 mdl@astound.net



****MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, March 5th, 10 am, at Judi Hamberg's. We will be discussing Amanda Coplin's *The Orchardist*. This is a debut novel about early twentieth-century life in the state of Washington. It has garnered great praise for its poetic and moving story. In April, we will be reading and discussing *Quiet* by Susan Cain. Please join us for great discussions!



**** WALKING WOMEN** will walk on **March 11th and 25th** ~ Tuesday mornings at **9 am**. On the 11th, we will meet at Marlene's and walk northeast on the newly finished Iron Horse Trail. On the 25th, same location going south on the Iron Horse Trail. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel, if you are planning to be there so we won't go off without you!!! And, if you have other trails that don't require a lot of travel time, please let Marlene know.



**** LUNCHIN' LADIES** will have lunch at Esin's in Danville on Wednesday, 19 March at 1 pm. The lunch menu looks very tempting (check it out online) and the prices are moderate. We will carpool, probably, although there is a private parking lot. **HOWEVER**, you must let me know if you plan to go by Monday March 17th. If you have a restaurant you would like to try, please let Marlene know ~ we need some unique suggestions.



**** CULTURAL CONNECTION** will not meet in March. In April we will go to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond at the old Ford Auto Plant. There is a nice restaurant there, also. Please let Marlene Maksel know if you are interested in seeing the museum so final plans can be made.



**** MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies **March 27th**. 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 film after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday, March 12th, 10 am**, at Ginny Hargrave's. Our topic will be to write about "Danger." Use your imagination, or write something from real life. We love oral versions, too. Please come and share your stories!



**** EVENING BOOKS** will meet on **Monday, March 24th, 7 pm**, at Georgette Armstrong's. We will be discussing *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. This is a story about a missing wife; is she dead? Is the husband guilty ~ of anything? A terrific psychological mystery. Join us for great discussions.

S.A.M. IS BACK

MARCH 3 – MARCH 20

THE SAM PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AGAIN IN MARCH. IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE FUN ART PROJECT AT FAIR OAKS SCHOOL, PLEASE E-MAIL ISH MENDONSA at imendonsa@pacbell.net. No prior experience needed.



Membership Matters

Gayle Miner – Membership VP

Please join me in welcoming new member Andrea Blachman. Andrea is a graduate of U.C. Davis and holds a BS in Youth Guidance and Counseling. Please add Andrea's information to your directory.

Andrea Blachman
1133 Willow Street
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 387-5385
email: andreablachman@gmail.com

There is still time to encourage friends to join AAUW for the current year at half price. Let Gayle Miner (925-349-6795 or gayle.miner@yahoo.com) know if you have someone in mind.

Congratulations Suzanne

Suzanne Salter was given the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation Cornerstone Award at the Pleasant Hill Community Awards ceremony/dinner in January! As presented to her by Foundation President Ted Winslow, the award is given for “philanthropic participation or service to the Foundation”. Suzanne has been treasurer since 2009 and, when the foundation agreed to become the fiscal sponsor of the capitol improvement fund campaign for furniture and equipment for new Senior Center, Teen Center and Recreation Center to establish a tax benefit for donors, she became responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars going through their budget.



POSITION STILL AVAILABLE

Newsletter Editor –

PH-MTZ AAUW N.E.W.S.

SPRING, 2014-???

Training available; knowledge of MSWord or similar program desired

With consent of the 2014-2015

President and her board

Call Kit Hein if you want more info

SUNSHINE

Our good wishes to Lorraine Harold, a Marathon bridge player, as she recovers from back surgery. Also, to Sharon Lind, who is in recovery after several surgeries and is at home. Shirlee Thompson's husband, Chuck, is doing well after a heart attack. As your Sunshine person, please let me know if anyone needs a card or any assistance.
Gayle Garrison 798-7528

Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Sherrie Moore, webmaster



Check out the photos from Game Day on our website. Remember to **participate in our website contest**. **Find two ways to get to the Past Presidents' Page**. **Email the answer to me or the webmaster, located on the About Us page**. One winning entry will be drawn at the March General Meeting. Winner receives a Starbucks gift card. Hint: It's All About Us.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org>.

AAUW FUNDS

Marlene Maksel & Laurel Gaiser, Co-VPs

Remember “Nickwhistle”?? It is the common name for NCCWSL ~ or the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

At the 2½-day conference last June, one attendee, Lauren Shackleford, was so impressed with the conference that she has become more involved with AAUW. She was recently chosen as a member of AAUW’s 2013-14 National Student Advisory Council (SAC), which is a yearlong leadership program for 10 college women to serve as ambassadors on their own campuses.

Lauren says, “At NCCWSL, I learned how to conduct myself as a professional and found a support system as I move forward in my career.”

Your donations to AAUW Funds, and particularly to Leadership Programs #4339, enable AAUW to continue helping women reach their potential in all phases of their lives.



DINE AT TAHOE JOE'S

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR DINNER TICKETS FOR TAHOE JOE'S!!!

Sunday, the 9th of March is the date for you to have lunch, go to dinner, or use take-out at Tahoe Joe's on Contra Costa Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. The menu gives you a choice of 3 meats, with 2 sides, plus soup or salad.

Tickets are \$20 and AAUW Funds receives \$9 of that amount.

So, plan a group meal ~ invite your neighbors and friends ~ the more, the merrier!

Tickets are always available from Marlene Maksel, 689-5439, or marlene@maksel.us.



Bunco for Tech Trek

PH-Mtz AAUW is hosting an afternoon Bunco on

Monday, March 31, 2014

1:00-4:00

home of Patricia Harris

10 Kim Ct., Martinez

Join us for a fun filled afternoon with the entertaining game of Bunco. It is easy to learn (Bunco is very similar to the dice game Yahtzee).

\$10 will be collected to benefit Tech Trek

Cash prizes will be awarded.

Dessert will be served during our break.

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



Elena Noble, NoCal RFM

enoble4@astound.net

Start Smart classes have now been scheduled for the University of California at Berkeley on March the 1st, and Mills College on a date to be determined in April. We are still waiting to hear from Diablo Valley, Los Medanos and Contra Costa Community Colleges.

This year **Equal Pay Day** will fall on **Tuesday April 8th**. This means it has taken until early April of this year, for woman working the same job as men, to earn what men earned at the end of December of last year. **That is what is known as a Pay Gap! See what AAUW is doing about it:** <http://www.aauw.org/article/get-ready-equal-pay-day/>



Anyone interested in becoming a facilitator for Start Smart Class can contact me at:

enoble4@astound.net

925 787 2410 cell

COMMUNITY

Diane Peterson

PLEASANT HILL

2 Sun. 2 PM, Pleasant Oaks Park Grand Opening, BBQ picnic and PHBA snack shack, for info. call 682-0896

7 Fri. (through March 13th) 10am, East Bay International Jewish Film Festival, Century 16 Theaters, Crescent Drive, Films from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Israel & U.S.; \$3 - \$11, www.eastbayjewishfilm.org or (510) 318-6453

29 Sat. 11 am – 3 PM, Spring Fling Community Boutique benefitting the Pleasant Hill Recreation Preschool, Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Rd., 682-0896

MARTINEZ

8 Sat. 11 am – 4 PM, Friends of Martinez Library book sale, 740 Court St., new members join at the door, www.ccclib.org/locations/martinez.html or (925) 646-9900

16 Sun. 10 – 11:30 am, Marshy Meander along the Martinez Shoreline with East Bay Regional Park ranger, rain cancels the walk, meet at the main parking lot on N. Court St., (510) 544-2750

25 Tues. 10 am – 12 PM, Cemetery Tour with a guide, learn about local history and people, call 372-3510 to reserve a spot on the tour

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

9 Sun. 10 am – noon, Spring Forward for Frogs and Other Amphibians in Briones with East Bay Regional Park ranger, meet at the end of Briones Rd., (510) 544-2750

18 Tues. 6:30 – 8:30 PM Regular meeting of Woman's Commission at the Contra Costa Water District. 1331 Concord Ave.

20 Thurs. 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Contra Costa Commission on Women's 2014 Hall of Fame, honoring Women who make a difference in Contra Costa County, 5:30 PM Registration, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord

ONGOING Free Ride Program for Seniors on County Connection (a 6 month trial Program), need photo ID or a Clipper Card to qualify, www.countyconnection.com or 676-7500

A SPECIAL INVITATION

PH-MTZ members are invited to

Pot Luck Dinner

March 30 at 5:30

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 Mary Dr. PH.

Marty Bruenstein who wrote *TWO AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS FEW*, a true story of his in-laws, a young Jewish couple, who were hidden during WWII by a young Catholic couple in the Netherlands. He is an outstanding speaker and we would like to have a big crowd come to hear him. If you prefer, you can come only for his presentation at 6:30.

Gayle Garrison

EDUCATION

Claudia Bass

Part of the new funding model and the extra funding the voters voted on, school districts are required to be accountable for how the funds are spent. Each school district has to devise a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) which requires community input as well as school personnel.

Since AAUW promotes education this would be a great way to be informed on local district spending and to give feedback where appropriate.

For those interested, Mt. Diablo Unified School District is having a series of community meetings on the following dates: **March 18 at Concord High, April 8 at Mt. Diablo High and May 20 at College Park High in the library.**

More information can be found on their web site www.mdusd.org and click on "Community Meetings with Dr. Nellie Meyer."

In regards to Martinez School District their LCAP Committee has been selected. Currently there are no community meetings scheduled on their web site but they encourage feedback. You can go on the district web site for more information www.martinezusd.net.

MISCELLANEOUS:

UP Coming Program dates to Mark on Your Calendar



Wednesday, April 16th 7:00 pm

**Dr. Helen Benjamin, Chancellor Contra Costa
College District
Brookview Clubhouse**

End of the Year Brunch

Saturday May 31st
10:00- 12:00 pm
Brookview Clubhouse

- *Installation of Officers*
- *Barbara Newachek Award*
- *Introduction of Tech Trek Girls*



Game day this year had forty participants enjoying either bridge, Mexican Train or Mah Jongg. Ish Mendonsa, Gale Garrison, Marlene Maksel and Laurel Gaiser all helped to keep this annual fund raiser fun for all. Delicious treats were brought by Joy Barden, Georgette Armstrong and Kate Schaefer. We netted \$342 for Legal Advocacy Funds! Our thanks to all the players and hope to see you again next year.

Cheers, Patricia Harris



TECH TREK PLANS



Save the date! Alhambra will be doing Cabaret this spring for their musical! We will be going Friday evening, April 25th. Wine and cheese hors d'oeuvres at the Marches home before the show! It's going to be fabulous!

Innovative Fund Raiser

Plan Ahead to Shred!

1st Annual AAUW-OML Tech Trek Shred-Fest
March 29, 2014 9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM
@ AAAAA Rent-A-Space
455 Moraga Road, Moraga

State-of-the-Art #Cross-Cut# Shredding will be done at 5A Rent-A-Space in the Shred Defense Truck starting at just \$5.00 per file box.

All proceeds fund AAUW-OML Tech Trek Scholarships for Lamorinda girls.

AAUW MISSION & ACTION

(excerpts)

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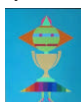
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Katrinka March D.V.M.
E. Carl Foster D.V.M.
Karen Shore B.V.M.S.

** Art Contest: Vote to Choose Your Note Cards

Support women in the arts, and choose whose work will be on the AAUW note cards you'll get in the mail this spring. Vote for your three favorite images before **February 28**. You can vote once a week, and every time you vote, you'll be entered for a chance to win a \$25 ShopAAUW gift certificate. Vote early and often!



** ¡Adelante! for the Book Lover in You

Did you read a great book over the holidays that fellow members would love? Share your recommendation for the 2014–15 ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club. Submit the recommendation form by May 15. If your book is selected, you and your branch will be recognized and sent a special gift.
















** Students Take Action for Women at

Community Colleges

Eleven campus teams have been selected to receive 2013–14 Campus Action Project grants. Based on AAUW's latest research report, **Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success**, the projects will address issues like improving access to child care, enrolling more women in science and math fields, and helping students transfer from community colleges to four-year institutions. Learn more about the projects and find out how to support a team near you.



March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 \$tart Smart @ Berkeley
2 Pleasant Oaks Park Grand Opening	3 S.A.M. Starts  Evening Bridge	4 S.A.M.	5 S.A.M.  Morning Books	6 S.A.M.	7 East Bay International Jewish Film Festival Begins	8 Friends of the Mtz. Library Book Sale
9  Tahoe Joe's	10 S.A.M.  Grand Slammers	11 S.A.M.  Walking Women	12 S.A.M.  In Indelible Ink BOARD MEETING	13 S.A.M.	14	15
16 Marshy Meander Mtz. Shoreline	17 S.A.M. 	18 S.A.M. MDUSD AT Concord HS	19 S.A.M.  Luncheon Ladies	20 S.A.M. CCC Commission on Women Hall of Fame	21	22  Women Entrepreneurs
23	24  Evening Books	25  Walking Women	26	27  Matinee Idle	28	29 Shred for OML Tech Trek PH Spring Fling Boutique
30 Marty Bruenstein St. Andrew's Church	31  Bunco for Tech Trek					

Save the Date Tues., April 8 – Equal Pay Day; April 8 – MDUSD at Mt. Diablo HS; April 16-Dr. Helen Benjamin; April 25-Cabaret for Tech Trek; May 20 MDUSD at College Park HS; May 31-End of Year Brunch