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

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PH-M AAUW End of the Year Brunch

Saturday, June 4th

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill

Come Meet our Local Scholarship Recipients

And Tech Trek Campers

See the Installation of Our New Officers

Enjoy Good Food and Fellowship

Bring a Guest

Reservations are a must!

Call or email Gayle Miner with your reservation

(925) 349-6795 or gayle.miner@yahoo.com

RESERVATIONS by May 28, PLEASE

Don't Wait Until the Last Minute



PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to everyone who contributed to the many projects of AAUW Pleasant Hill Martinez Branch, both monetary and in time spent working to make sure those projects made it to completion this year. Your efforts will allow us to give out four \$1,000 local scholarships to deserving young women and five Tech Trek camper-ships to eager young girls with an interest in the STEM areas of study. We had the opportunity to send a 5th camper to Tech Trek this year because of a space that became available at the last minute. We had enough money in reserve for emergencies, so we will be able to give that 5th camper from our branch a wonderful experience this summer. Another young woman from DVC will be able to attend the National Leadership Conference for Student Leaders at the University of Maryland this Spring because of donations to Funds and hard work by our Funds committee. We also donated to AAUW National Funds to help with AAUW work on the National level. Let's not forget to thank our hardworking Program committee who presented us with excellent speakers and programs throughout the year.

We hope that in the coming year, you will want to be involved in these AAUW endeavors. We hope you will be willing to work on a committee, take an appointed board position, or help on a specific event. Let the newly elected board know you are interested in helping, in any way, no matter how small. Our new presidents will be filling positions in the coming months, so now is the time to step up

and get involved toward helping us to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

The AAUW Spring Job Alike Training will be held Saturday, May 21 at Cal State East Bay in Concord. If you are new to a position, this is the conference to attend to answer all of your questions. Details are in this newsletter, so please consider attending, especially if you are in a board position for the coming year.

Speaking of the board - Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2016-17 who were elected at the general meeting on April 20. Please give them all your support as they plan for the year ahead.

This is our last column as your presidents. Our second term is coming to an end but we will both continue to be involved in AAUW and the important work ahead. We want to thank this year's board for their tireless efforts in supporting us as we all worked towards the same goals. We couldn't have asked for a better, more co-operative, and energetic group of committed women. Adieu!

Trinka and Gayle

MAY BOARD MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

7 PM

Home of Trinka March

JUNE - JOINT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016

5:30 PM

Home of Gayle Miner

Copy deadline for the July/August 2016 N.E.W.S. is:

June 19th

(This will be for two months, so plan accordingly!)

Please email copy to:

Reba Siero

rebasioero@yahoo.com

INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, May 4th, 10 am, at Ginny Hargrave's. PLEASE let your hostess know if you are going! We will be discussing Annie Burrows' *The Truth According to Us*. This is a heart-warming story about a family in West Virginia during the Depression. Please plan to join us for a great discussion!

The June meeting will be at the Brookview Clubhouse and hosted by Ish Mendonsa and Marlene Maksel. This will be the final meeting until September and will feature our annual salad luncheon. Sign-ups for salad/dessert will be taken at the May meeting. The date is Wednesday, June 1st, 11:30 am. There is no book for discussion, but we MIGHT have a quiz. We will also pick our favorite book for the year.



****IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, May 11th, 10 am, at Ginny Hargrave's. Our topic assignment is "Limericks." Make up a silly limerick like, "There once was a duck named Horace/Whose bill was exceedingly porous/It leaked when he drank/He became a big crank/And wouldn't quack any more for us." We welcome oral versions as well as written and we do NOT critique your writings. Please come and try out this Interest Section.

The June meeting will be on June 8th at a restaurant TBA. Let Marlene know if you are interested.

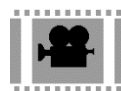


****LUNCHIN' LADIES** will go to lunch on Wednesday, May 18th, 1 pm, at Le Sen in Concord on Salvio Street. Call by the 16th, please, for reservations. Please let Marlene (marlene@maksel.us) know if you are interested in this section ~ also if you have an idea for a great restaurant that would be fun for us to try.

This section will not meet in June.



****EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, May 23rd for the last meeting until September. We will be dining out and the restaurant is yet TBA. We will not be discussing a book, but we will pick our favorite of the year and we will also pick a book for September.



****MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, May 26th. 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.

We will go to the movies on Thursday, June 23rd.



****MAH JONGG** Friday, May 20th, **NEW TIME: 12:30** at the Brookview Clubhouse. \$2.00 per person. Bring your new 2016 card. If you have a set, please bring it. Snacks are welcome. **This will be our last time until September.**

Contact **Sherrie Moore** if you would like to play.
925-229-4177 moresherrie@comcast.net

REQUEST FROM THE TREASURER

Joan Foster

If you need a check, it must have all of the information before I issue the reimbursement or pay the vendor's bill. Also, I will not process any receipt or disbursement without the required Deposits or Reimbursements form from our web site. That form MUST be filled out completely. If you need a check quickly, I am usually in Martinez every Thursday in the late afternoon. If you are sending me money, please email me that you have sent it and I will acknowledge it when I receive it. When you receive my check, please email me or leave me a message.

VERY IMPORTANT: Our bank says that all checks written to the branch must say, **AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**. From now on, they WILL NOT accept them. Then, I will have to return them to you to rewrite.

Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Alana Macdonald and Claudia Bass
Membership VPs

Thanks to everyone who have renewed their dues. Seventy have renewed which makes 57% of the branch has paid already. We think the drawing for a free national dues was an incentive as 67 members participated. We ended up with 4 slots awarded to our branch from national as a result of so many members joining "on the spot" which is part of Shape the Future Campaign. The drawing took place at our general meeting April 20th with Gayle and Trinka drawing the names. Congratulations to our 4 winners who are **Debbie Byrne, Diane Coventry, Marlene DeLaurenti and Kathy Wheeler.**

If you haven't sent in your renewal Alana and I would love to still receive them; the sooner the better. Send them to Claudia Bass, 1706 Endriss Drive, Martinez 94553. **Make the checks payable to: AAUW Pleasant Hill- Martinez Branch.** Another thank you goes to everyone who filled out the checks correctly, which was most of you.

Remember, dues are due by June 1st.

We would also like to thank the members that brought potential members to meetings and subsequently many have joined. We had a banner year for growth in our branch of 16 new members. Couldn't have been able to do it without your help. We still have some people who are interested in joining.

During this season we are approaching graduation time. Remember that you can give an AAUW membership through the Give a Grad a Gift program. It is free and you can do as many as you want. Information is on the national web site www.aauw.org. Again a reminder, **dues are due by June 1st.**

Please correct the following information in your directory for Jackie Ulrich:

Phone is 228-0502 and her email address is dojarich@att.net.

Welcome to our newest member El. She is a member of the Lamorinda branch and has decided to add our branch as a dual member. She has attended several activities and meetings so some of you know her already. Add her information to your directory:

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Claudia Bass, cbasslancer29@aol.com

For those members who do not drive and would like to come to the meetings or events, the following is a list of volunteer drivers. Please contact them if you need a ride. If you would like to volunteer to be a driver please let Claudia or Alana know.

Helen Pereira: 925-685-0757; 925-285-1766, Martinez

Trinka March: 925-372-8420, Martinez

Suzanne Salter: 925-988-0322, Pleasant Hill

Muriel Fry: 925-937-4709, Lafayette

Priscilla Tudor: 925-798-4095, Martinez

Claudia Bass: 925-372-8679, Martinez

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be drivers.



BOOK EXCHANGE - 1st CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2016 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

Please contact Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528 (Home) or 286-2223 (Cell) or mkhbibliophile@aol.com with your selected title and author **PRIOR** to purchasing your book.

There have been 2 to 3 Exchange Groups for the past few years. Don't miss out! (You can purchase 2 or 3 books to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!) Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.



Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. Check out pictures from our **April Program** on the **Photo Page**.

Do you need to print out a copy of The Deposit & Reimbursement Request Form? Go to the **About Us Page**.

See photos from **our Game Day** fundraiser on the **Photo Page**.

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**.

Sherrie Moore, webmaster



A Taste of Fall



We need your help. Since we have held our October fundraiser, Festa Italiana, at the same location with little changes over the years, we've decided to try something new this year.

We invite you all to come to our first committee meeting for A Taste of Fall on Tuesday, May 17th at Margie Pruitt's house at 12:30. If you are a new member, an active member, or just want to become more involved, we need your assistance. Our second meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15th also at Margie's house at 12:30.

For A Taste of Fall, we will be making hearty appetizers, bite size desserts, and assembling baskets for our silent auction. As you know, it takes a great effort by everyone to make this fundraiser successful. You have been generous with your time in the past.

A Taste of Fall will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Margie Pruitt's house. Mark your calendar.

Please contact the co-chairs Sherrie Moore (moresherrie@comcast.net or 229-4177) or Marlene De Laurenti (mdl@astound.net or 934-4171) if you can attend this first committee meeting. All are welcome. Looking forward to working with you.



TECH TREK TIDINGS

Janice Walker

As we wind down this 2015-2016 AAUW year, I am delighted to bring you some fabulous news! In April we learned of the rare opportunity to send a fifth camper to this year's Tech Trek Sonoma State University camp week. **Because of you** we had enough money in the Tech Trek fund to do this and it was a wonderful development as the committee had a very deserving fifth candidate ready to send. So it is with great pleasure that I present our 2016 campers: Lexi Alford and Julia Beaty from Martinez Junior High School, Jazmine Cano from Valley View Middle School and Isabella Martinez and Isabella Triana both from Sequoia Middle School. I look forward to introducing them to you at our end of the year brunch on Saturday, June 4. I hope you will plan on attending so you will see your donations at work and know that, right here in our own community, your contributions are making a difference!

Because of you, this year through our fundraisers we added \$2249.29 to our branch's Tech Trek account. This includes Tech Trek's half of the \$551.36 profit from our recent sale of 67 tickets for our April 24 dinner at Tahoe Joe's. (Funds and Tech Trek split the proceeds and each received \$275.68.) It also includes Tech Trek's share of the Festa profits, \$1166.57, and a \$500 contribution of the Marathon Bridge group. Many additional donations were made by members, including over \$1000 directly deposited through AAUW into our Tech Trek account. Total camp fees were \$4900 and our only expense was the cost of our Tech Trek bears, \$70 for 5.

A very special thank you needs to be extended to Joy Barden, Shelley Jacobson, Sherrie Moore and Helen Pereira who for the past two years have made up the Tech Trek committee and to Trinkia March who was always there to answer my questions and those of parents at our interview sessions.

Word is spreading about our Tech Trek program. In 2015 we had a total of 21 applicants from our four middle schools. This year we had 30 applicants. The girls who attend come back "singing the praises" of their camp experience and their teachers are listening and getting behind our program. It is unique, not only in the type of camp it is, but in the fact that it is free to the participants! All, **because of you!**



Elena Noble Start Smart Facilitator

There is good news this spring in AAUW's effort to offer Wage Negotiation Classes for **Equal Pay**. Since taking over the former **WAGE Project**, AAUW has redesigned and trained members to reach out to their local colleges and facilitate trainings for graduating college students.

By collaborating with our **Inter-Branch Council of CCC**, AAUW members from **Pleasant Hill-Martinez, Concord, and Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette** have facilitated classes at **Diablo Valley College, Cal State Stanislaus and Chico State College**. With more members getting trained, we have larger pool of facilitators available when colleges request a workshop.

The drive this year for **Equal Pay for Equal Work**, a **raise in Minimum Wage**, and passage of the **Fair Pay Act**, has been a big part of the current Political Lexicon. Using Social Media, **National** has started posting **Start Smart Workshops on Face Book and Twitter**.

Students have expressed appreciation that our organization makes this information available to them. One student commented:

"Wonderful, much needed information. I would not have thought to negotiate."

Another said:

"The Wage Gap is real, thank you for helping me realize I can do something about it."

If you are interested in sitting in on a Start Smart Class, or in becoming a facilitator, please contact me at:

enoble4@astound.net

Convention, Book Trackers and Off to NickWhistle!

Some of you know my rule about participating in large organizations: I don't do anything outside of our zip codes. Well, I had to break that rule because Fund Committee has lots and lots of Book Trackers to sell, and the San Mateo Convention would be great place to do that. As it turned out, we sold almost \$500 worth. We will apply some of that to our Zuhals' expenses at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders Conference in June.

What's a Book Tracker? It's a cute little pad with stubs for the lender to keep with the book's name and the borrower since she is lying to herself if she thinks she will remember. She then tears the 'long' end off the stub with the title of the book and the owner's name on it for a handy bookmark/reminder. I wish I had had it when I loaned a treasured and irreplaceable book a few years ago sure I'd never forget who I loaned it to. You will see them at the Spring Brunch. They make great gifts as well!

But more than that, I left Sunday afternoon very happy I had broken my "rule". Sharing a room with my dear pal, former Mtz AAUW member and current Sunnyvale-Cupertino president, Judi (Foster) Pogue, was fun as always. But the three main reasons were a session on attracting young members, a free-form Open Space discussion format that is well worth attending our upcoming Leadership Training on May 21 to participate in, and an incredible Public Policy speaker who has been dealing with the reality of and the difficulty of getting justice in gender and pay inequality in our own state for 7 years. A happy ending is in sight for Aileen Rizo, her family and for all women because of her. But none of us is doing enough in that fight compared to Aileen and her family. It was a very inspiring day.

Saturday night, wow, was I surprised! when Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch was named number 9 in the top ten branches in California in per capita giving to AAUW Fund. In addition to our normal generosity, one member, who wishes to remain private, gave a substantial donation to Charting the Course.

Instead of a Fund history note, this month the theme will be "making history". One of the new-member search sessions was chaired by Charmen Goehring of CA State Board, Sacramento Branch, Younger Members Task Force chair and immediate past member of the AAUW national Board of Directors. The topic was the Young Women's Task Force, sponsored by National and based finding a format attractive to young women in their first years out of college. She introduced a recent Stanford graduate, employed in Tech and living in San Francisco, who was interested in spending time and resources on women's issues. She found AAUW on the web and felt that the issues we fight for were exactly what she and her fellow Stanford friends were looking for. The Young Women's Task Force of AAUW was formed a few years ago in the East with about half a dozen groups in cities such as New York and Chicago. The YWTF members have a reduced national membership fee and some have Branch affiliations. Besides seeking members and creating and publicizing a creative issues-oriented website, the goal of the Stanford women is to develop six-month long advocacy/education programs on various topics. The whole thing is a work in progress but a creative idea that may find a place in our future and be a successful transitional way to find members for our branches who won't be new to AAUW and what it stands for and works for. More to come on this.

By the way, I think I want to attend the National convention in Washington next year. That's a long way out of the zip codes!

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Katrinka March D.V.M.
Karen Shore B.V.M.S.
Cindy Pieper D.V.M.

Incoming Board - Outgoing Board

The Joint Board Meeting will be at Gayle Miner's home at 5:30 PM. There will be time for Former and New position holders to talk about their jobs with each other. A sign up sheet for appetizers, salads and desserts for present board members to bring will be passed around at the May Board meeting.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch

16th Annual AAUW Garden Tour

Friday and Saturday
May 6th and 7th, 2016
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.



Presenting Five Charming Gardens in
Danville and Alamo
Light Refreshments and Drawing

An AAUW FUNDS Benefit* supporting Scholarships and
Grants for Aspiring Women Scholars
*A 501(C)(3) charity. Your donation is 95% tax deductible



DANVILLE-ALAMO-WALNUT CREEK BRANCH

16th Annual AAUW Garden Tour

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend by treating yourself, mothers, daughters, friends and flower lovers to this delightful self-guided tour of beautiful gardens in Alamo and Danville. Tickets are \$35 through Friday, April 29. Afterwards they will be \$40.

DIRECT PURCHASE Tickets are for sale at East Bay Flower Company, 206 Sycamore Valley Road West (Danville Livery) starting on April 8th from 9-5 Monday to Saturday (cash or check only).

ON-LINE Use our branch web site link listed below for PayPal. A \$2.00 fee will be added to the cost of each ticket.

US MAIL Send a check postmarked by April 28th payable to AAUW FUNDS with a self-addressed business sized #10 stamped envelope to:

AAUW Garden Tour, P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507

FURTHER INFORMATION

Web site: <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/garden-tour-2016>

E-mail contact: daw.aauw@gmail.com

Please, no children under age 12 or pets.

May/June 2016

- May 4** Morning Books, 10 am, Ginny Hargrave
- May 6** Celebrating Sisterhood, 50th Anniversary celebration of NOW, 45th Anniversary of CC NOW, Hacienda de las Flores, Moraga
- May 11** In Indelible Ink, 10 am, Ginny Hargrave
- May 11** Board meeting, 7 pm, Trinka March
- May 17** Taste of Fall planning meeting, 12:30 pm, Margie Pruitt
- May 18** Lunchin' Ladies, Le Sen, Concord
- May 20** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Club house, Sherrie Moore
- May 21** East Bay District Leadership Training, 9 am to 2 pm, CSEB - Concord Campus, Sandy Kirkpatrick, see flyer
- May 23** Evening Books, dinner out
- May 16** Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel
- Jun 1** Morning Books, 11:30 am, Brookview
- Jun 8** In Indelible Ink, call Marlene Maksel
- Jun 8** Joint Board meeting, 5:30 pm, Gayle Miner
- Jun 15** Taste of Fall planning meeting, 12:30 pm, Margie Pruitt
- Jun 19** Jul/Aug N.E.W.S. deadline, Reba Siero
- Jun 23** Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel

Treasurer's Report

Joan Foster

Members have asked for balances of our accounts. As a result, I will publish them each month. However, should you ever want to know something specific, do not hesitate to call.

Fund Balances as of 3/31/16:

General Fund:	\$5,429.83
AAUW Fund:	\$2,390.39
Tech Trek:	\$5,890.16
Local Scholarships:	\$7,056.45
Barbara Newachek:	\$ 613.80
Conferences and convention:	\$ 74.59

Budget account balances: I will list these only if there are changes in the future.

Directory:	-\$ 34.99
Hospitality:	\$ 18.02
IBC dues:	\$ 00.00
Insurance:	-\$ 26.11
Membership:	-\$ 6.48
Newsletter:	\$200.00
Misc:	\$ 16.00
Program:	\$979.31
Website:	\$ 90.00

ALL checks made out to the Branch

MUST be payable to:

AAUW Pleasant Hill – Martinez Branch

Checks have to be written EXACTLY as above or the bank will not accept them. Abbreviations are not accepted.

East Bay District Leadership Training

Saturday, May 21, 2016

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cal State East Bay, Concord Campus

4700 Ygnacio Valley Road, Concord

For map of campus and directions:

tinyurl.com/hm3hp9w

Advance registration deadline: May 14

Walk-ins welcome, but must bring their own bag lunch.

Boxed lunches will only be provided for those who order it by the deadline.

NOTE: There is no place on campus to purchase your own lunch!

Payment must be received with the registration form.

Cost: \$5 (a bargain!!)

Plus (optional) \$9 for boxed lunch

Any AAUW member is welcome to attend, not just those serving in a leadership position in

2016-2017. Plan to attend more than one break out session. Branch leadership is a team effort!

Agenda:

Opening Session: Successful Board Strategies

Break Out Session One – Job Trainings

- Leadership/President
- Finance (Treasurer)
- Tech Trek Branch Coordinator
- Program

Break Out Session Two – Job Trainings

- Public Policy
- Membership
- AAUW Funds/Fundraising Rules

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