



Pleasant Hill-Martinez (CA) Branch

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## End of the Year Brunch

Saturday, June 1 - 10 AM to noon

I.B.E.W. Hall

1875 Arnold Drive, Martinez\*\*

Please join us to honor and recognize:

Tech Trek Camp Girls from Martinez and Pleasant Hill  
Senior Scholarship Recipients from Alhambra and College Park  
Branch's Named Gift Honorees

2019-2020 Barbara Newacheck Award Recipient  
Hear details of the NCCWSL from Lily Eshtehar

AND the new officers for 2019-2020 will be installed!

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING!!**

RSVP'S are a must! Call now to make a reservation! Call  
Harriett Burt ([hjburt1949@comcast.net](mailto:hjburt1949@comcast.net) 372-8038) or  
Barbara Chambers ([ccrebarb@gmail.com](mailto:ccrebarb@gmail.com) 229-5837)

\*\* directions: Take Morello Ave. exit off Highway 4. Go north one block....turn right on Arnold Drive....drive several blocks to the top of the hill and the building will be on your left.



## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Program Chairs Harriett Burt and myself ended the year with a BANG! The evolution of Molly Murphy MacGregor from a self-described shanty Irishman to the co-founder and Executive Director of the National Women’s History Alliance was fascinating and inspirational. Her commitment to encouraging the recognition of women, especially in schools, is reflected in the web site. Check out [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) for details and to subscribe to their newsletters.

Our branch members have supported so many fundraisers and projects this past year, and we will see them all reflected at our end of the year brunch on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Diane Coventry is serving as co-chair for Tech Trek at Sonoma State, and this year,

our branch will be sending 6 girls to participate. Five seniors at College Park and Alhambra will be receiving \$1,000 scholarships! We are also sending a young woman from DVC to the NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). The Named Gift Honorees and the recipient of the Barbara Newacheck award will be announced at the brunch. Installation of new officers will also take place.

Kudos to the current officers and committee chairs of our branch. They have done an outstanding job this year, and we all appreciate it. The novel idea of having quarterly presidents has also worked out very well. Thanks Marilyn Thelen, Jennifer Apkarian, and Barbara Chambers for your willingness to step into the void, and think outside the box. It has made it fun!

Be sure and make your reservation for the brunch on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, if you are a current board member or an incoming board member, you are invited to the joint board member dinner at my home on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to each and every member for her part in making this a fun and exciting year. Have a wonderful summer, and think about trying something new in the fall. Our branch offers a lot of possibilities!

Nancy



Please, write any checks to the branch:  
**AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**

***JOINT BOARD MEETING  
AND SUPPER POTLUCK  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019***

**5:30 PM**

***Home of Nancy Hobert***

**Copy deadline for the  
July/August 2019 N.E.W.S.  
(This is another 2 month issue!)**

**Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please email copy to:  
Reba Siero [rebasiero@yahoo.com](mailto:rebasiero@yahoo.com)  
925-228-8211

## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, May 1, 10 am, at Judi Hamberg's. We will be discussing Jason Fagone's *The Woman Who Smashed Codes*. This is a fascinating story of Elizebeth Smith Friedman who worked from the Great War through the cold war ~ she helped catch gangsters and criminals and helped shape the modern intelligence community. PLEASE let your hostess know if you are planning to attend.

In **JUNE**, we will meet for our annual potluck luncheon at Brookview Clubhouse with Marlene Maksel and Ish Mendonsa as co-hostesses. We will not be discussing a book, but will most probably have a quiz. Sign-ups for food will be at the May meeting.



**\*\*IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in May.

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**\*\*LUNCHIN' LADIES** will meet on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 pm, at Vic's in Martinez on Pacheco Blvd. Please call before the 20<sup>th</sup> so reservations can be made. And, please give Marlene suggestions for some restaurants it would be fun for us to try.

In **JUNE**, Lunchin' Ladies will not meet.



**\*\*EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, June 3rd, 6 pm, at a local restaurant. We will not be discussing a book, but we will be planning for the 2019-20 year. Please join us! Call Marlene to make reservations for dinner.



**\*\*MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details will come by email the Monday prior. Call Marlene (689-5439), if you have any suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the film after over coffee, other liquid refreshment, or frozen yogurt ~ sometimes, lunch!

In **JUNE**, Matinee Idle will go to the movies on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER GROUPS



### **\*\*MAH JONGG**

COME PLAY MAH JONGG!

Mah Jongg will meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at Brookview Clubhouse.

There is a \$2.00 per person charge for the clubhouse rental. If you don't know how to play Mah Jongg, but would like to learn, we will be happy to teach you. We will use the new 2019 cards.

Reservations are a must each month. Contact: Suzanne Salter at 925-935-0861,

[seabear2@msn.com](mailto:seabear2@msn.com)

Gayle Miner at 925-349-6795,

[gayle.miner@yahoo.com](mailto:gayle.miner@yahoo.com)

We play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. We would love to have you join our group.

## AAUW FUND REPORT

Gayle Miner and Diane Coventry, AAUW Fund VPs

**KINDER'S COUPONS** are now on sale from April 30 to June 6. The price is \$12.00 each. Each coupon is good for a tri-tip, chicken or hamburger sandwich, and drink. Be sure to check your coupon for the expiration date. Coupons are good at the Pleasant Hill and Martinez Kinder's stores.

Coupons can be obtained from the following Fund Committee members: Jennifer Apkarian, Gayle Miner, Marlene Maksel, Claudia Bass, Muriel Fry and Diane Coventry.

**KINDER'S COUPONS** will also be on sale at the June 1<sup>st</sup> brunch.

Thank you in advance for your generosity for this important fundraiser that allows Fund to send a DVC student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) each year.

The next Fund meeting will be held on Monday, May 20 at the home of Ginny Hargrave at 2:30 pm. If you would like to attend this meeting, please call Gayle Miner.

## BOOK EXCHANGE/Round Robin - 1st CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2019 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; pass your book to the next member each month; and then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

We certainly would welcome additional members, as we just had 2 Exchanges last year. (You can purchase 2 - or potentially 3 books - to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!) Please call with any questions.

Please contact Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528 (Home) or 286-2223 (Cell) or [mkhbibliophile@aol.com](mailto:mkhbibliophile@aol.com) with your selected title and author **PRIOR** to purchasing your book. Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.



## TECH TREK TIDINGS

Diane Coventry

This year we are excited to announce our six 2019 campers: Bianca Lewis from Martinez Junior High, Emilia Costa from Pleasant Hill Middle, Jade Watson from Valley View Middle, and three girls from Sequoia Middle, Avery Greenwood, Lilian Schrempf, and Alison Stewart. We look forward to introducing them at our end of the year brunch on Saturday, June 1st<sup>d</sup>. I hope you'll plan on attending so you can see for yourselves these young women who show interest and promise in STEM for the future. They have also been invited to attend our Fall Brunch in September to share their Tech Trek camp experiences. In addition, we are proud to announce that Isabella Martinez, former camper of 2016, will be returning for her second year as a junior counselor and Sierra Dabby, a junior at Alhambra High and Trekker from 2015, was selected to as a first-time junior counselor. Happy to have these great role models join us this summer.

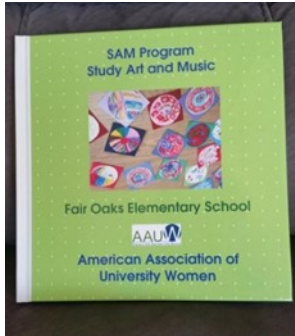
On June 9th our Tech Trek campers will get a chance to meet other girls and their families from the area at the Contra Costa IBC Ice Cream Social at Pacheco Community Center. It is a great opportunity to make contacts and start new friendships.

Kiwanis Club awarded Tech Trek \$250 through a service project grant. We received \$2000 from the Shell Grant, a community sponsor. Thank you to these important community organizations for their continuing support. This year we had two successful fundraisers – Bowling with a Blast, for a second year, and attendance at the DVC Theatre performance of *Footloose*. Thank you to all of you for supporting our girls and this wonderful program.

Check out our updated camp website <https://techtrek-sonoma.aauw.net/> Tech Trek Camp at Sonoma State is June 23-29<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you are interested in being a dorm mom, class monitor or come visit us on Visitation Day, Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. [diane.coventry@yahoo.com](mailto:diane.coventry@yahoo.com)



## SAM Volunteers Thank you Paint Party



In appreciation of our Fair Oaks SAM volunteers, we hosted a paint party at Sherrie Moore's house to create paintings just like the students did in their classrooms last month. You can see that each masterpiece is different. We use acrylic paint to paint on birch rounds.

We also created a SAM (Study Art and Music) book to donate to Fair Oaks Elementary School and to our sponsor, The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation. The Mary Walters Memorial Fund was established through the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation to provide annual funding to the SAM program. Mary was a very active and beloved member of the Pleasant Hill AAUW branch.

*Sherrie Moore, Diane Coventry, and Barbara Minneman*

### 2019 AAUW California Election

You should have received an email on April 22 to announce the election and take you to the voting site. The body of the email said:

Our bylaws limit the AAUW California Board of Directors to twelve members, including President, President-Elect, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Directors (at large). In 2019 we are voting to elect four positions:

President-Elect (one-year term 2019–2020)

Chief Financial Officer (two-year term 2019-2021)

2 Directors (two-year term 2019-2021)

*You can also vote on the Public Policy Priorities.*

**The three-week voting period began on April 22nd and ends on May 13th, 2019.**

If you have any questions about voting please contact:

Julika Barrett in the AAUW California Office at 916-448-7795.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Claudia Bass and SarahJoy Haynes, Membership VPs

Thanks to everyone that have renewed their dues. Seventy-seven members participated in the "Early Bird Gets the Worm" drawing for a chance to win one of three slots to have their national membership dues free. Our three slots were awarded to us by having our new members join at our meetings through the Shape the Future Program. The drawing took place at our general meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>. Our quarterly presidents Barbara Chambers, Jennifer Apkarian and Nancy Hobert drew the names. The lucky winners were Laura Febus, Marylee Taylor and Gina Zagotta. Congratulations to our winners.

If you haven't sent in your renewal Claudia and Sarah Joy would love to receive them; the sooner the better. Send to Claudia Bass, 1706 Endriss Dr, Martinez, CA 94553. If you aren't sure if you have paid you can contact us.

### **Remember dues are due by June 1.**

We would like to thank the members that brought potential members to meetings and subsequently many have joined. We had a banner year for growth with 17 new members. And appreciation is extended to our interest and committee leaders who contacted the new members to get them active. Couldn't have been able to do it without your help. We still have some people interested in joining.

During this season we are approaching graduation time. Remember 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. This is for national membership only. Information is on the national website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Again send in your renewal dues.

Welcome to our new member, Alice Gavin. Here is her information to be added to your directory:

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508-222-1011 cell

[alicejeangavin@gmail.com](mailto:alicejeangavin@gmail.com)

Rutgers University: BS Education

Miami University: M.Ed. Education

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SarahJoy Haynes at 925-372-9211, [plumleathr@aol.com](mailto:plumleathr@aol.com)

## SUNSHINE

Gayle Garrison

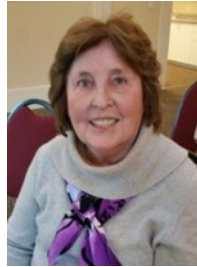
Sunshine likes to send cards to members, however, I do not always know who is ill or might just need a "thinking of you" card. Please call and let me know, as several calls are better than none.

Gayle Garrison

[tarheel61@yahoo.com](mailto:tarheel61@yahoo.com) or 925-798-7528



## Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



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

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Remember to press F5 to get the most current version of each page. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the **About Us Page**.

**Sherrie Moore, webmaster**

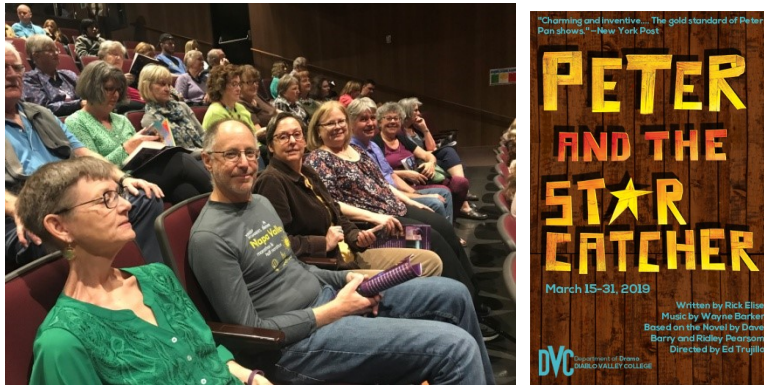
Look for the recently amended  
**Pleasant Hill - Martinez Branch AAUW Bylaws.**  
They are included with this newsletter.



## Local Scholarship Fundraiser

31 guests from our Pleasant Hill-Martinez branch joined us for a Local Scholarship fundraiser on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to enjoy the DVC musical, Peter and the Star Catcher.

We raised \$515, enough for half of one of our \$1,000 scholarships that we give to high school seniors at College Park and Alhambra High School. Thanks for coming and supporting our scholarship program.



### Congratulations to our Officers elected at our April meeting for our 2019-2020 year

**President:** Reba Siero

**Program Vice Presidents:** Harriett Burt and Helen Pereira

**Membership Vice Presidents:** SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe

**AAUW Fund (EF) Vice Presidents:** Claudia Bass and Gayle Miner

**Secretary:** Barbara Minneman

**Treasurer:** Trinkia March

Janice Walker, Parliamentarian



## 2018–2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### May and June 2019

- Apr 29 to Jun 6** Kinder's Coupons on Sale
- May 1** Morning Books, 10 am, Judi Hamberg's
- May 17** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- May 20** Fund meeting, 2:30 pm, Ginny Hargrave's  
Call Gayle Miner to attend
- May 21** Lunchin' Ladies, 1:00 pm, Vic's, Martinez  
RSVP to Marlene before May 20
- May 23** Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel
- Jun 1** Installation Brunch, 10 am, IBEW Hall, Martinez
- Jun 3** Evening Books End of Year Dinner, 6:00 pm, at a local restaurant
- Jun 9** Tech Trek Ice Cream Social, noon  
Pacheco Community Center
- Jun 12** Joint Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Nancy Hobert's
- Jun 24** July/August 2019 N.E.W.S. deadline to Reba
- Jun 27** Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel



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