

Carlyn Obringer, Mayor of Concord

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 7 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 Mary Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA



Carlyn Obringer is the youngest female Mayor in Concord history. She was elected to the City Council in November 2016 and served as Vice Mayor in 2018. She previously served on the City's Design Review Board and the Planning Commission, which she chaired. A community leader, she has chaired the City's July 4th Parade since 2016, and founded Concord's annual Art and Wine (and Beer!) Walk. She is the former board chair of Monument Impact and the Contra Costa Commission on the Status of Women, and a past President of Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista.

Obringer has been active in many local organizations including the American Association of University Women-Concord Branch, the Concord Ambassadors, the Concord Historical Society, and the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.

Professionally, Obringer analyzes education policy and budgets, provides technical assistance to charter schools, and conducts Brown Act and government ethics trainings throughout the state. She holds a Masters of Business Administration from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and resides near downtown Concord with her husband, Justin, and their dog, Coco.



SILVER BELLS HOLIDAY PARTY



Saturday, December 7th, 2019

6:00 pm social time, 6:30 pm buffet dinner served
Brookview Club House, 1201 Monument Blvd, Concord
Dinner with wine and non-alcoholic beverages

Passed hors d'oeuvres, Filet Mignon, Salmon Filet, two types of salad, and dessert

\$50 per person, checks to AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch

By December 1st, send your check to:

Bea Ball (cell phone: 925 890-0202)

94 Rolling Green Circle, Pleasant Hill, 94523

Reserve early. Your check is your reservation. Limit: 64

Please carpool, parking is limited.

Bring your spouse and/or friends



Special entertainment featuring "Any Wednesday" quartet



INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, November 6, 10 am, at Janice Walker's. We will be discussing *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy. The story is of a family in Detroit and the struggles they face through the years. In December, we will be discussing *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver. Plan to join us!



****IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in November.



****LUNCHIN' LADIES** will go to lunch on Tuesday, November 19, 12:30 pm, at Hideout Kitchen & Café, 3406 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. We've had to cancel this restaurant twice, but we'll try again! Bring suggestions for other restaurants. Please call Marlene 689-5439 OR marlene@maksel.us) by the 16th so reservations can be made.



****EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday, November 25, 7 pm, in the Brookview Clubhouse. We will be discussing *IQ* by Joe Ide. The story is about a loner who decides to solve murders, abductions, etc. in his neighborhood that the police aren't pursuing. This section will not meet in December. Join us for great discussions.



****MATINEE IDLE** will not go to the movies in November or December, as our date falls on holidays. We will meet again in January. Details will come by email the Monday prior ~ our scheduled date is the 4th Thursday. 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!

Thankful

OTHER GROUPS



****MAH JONGG**

COME PLAY MAH JONGG!

Mah Jongg will meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, November 15th 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.

Reservations are a must each month. Contact: Suzanne Salter at (925) 935-0861, seabear2@msn.com

Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795, gayle.miner@yahoo.com

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



****GRAND SLAMMERS**, a social bridge group, plays on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 at the Brookview Club House. This month we meet on Monday, November 11th.

Each player pays \$5, which covers \$3 for our Local Scholarship Fund and \$2 for facility use. All player levels are welcome, members and non-members.

Contact Marlene DeLaurenti at mdl@astound.net or (925) 934-4171 if you are interested in playing.

**NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

7:00 PM

Trinka March's home

**Copy deadline for the
December 2019 N.E.W.S.
Friday, November 22nd**

Please email copy to:

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe
Membership VPs

Hello Martinez Pleasant Hill AAUW Members, Think about bringing a friend/prospective member as a guest to our next meeting. We are a welcoming group interested in helping women reach their full potential. Our membership team will be ready to meet and greet. See you there.

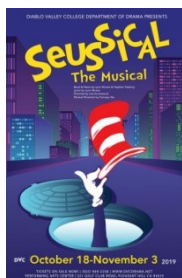
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Pleasant Hill-Martinez (CA) Branch

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



Thank you for supporting Tech Trek

We thoroughly enjoy the DVC presentation of Seussical the Musical in October. The sets, costumes, vocals and acting were so amazing.

Thanks to those who came to the show and a couple of donations, we have collected \$277 after expenses to donate to our Tech Trek fund.



SAVE THE DATE
PH-M AAUW
ANNUAL LAYETTE SHOWER
Susan Rheingruber's home
14 Pillon Real, Pleasant Hill
Wednesday, December 11th 10 AM

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
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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 **October Program** on the **Photos Page**. Take a look at our upcoming **Programs and Events** on the Program 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



PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

There are so many things going on in the next couple of months that I can't keep up some days!

This month's program with the mayor of Concord should be most interesting. I am looking forward to hearing Ms. Obringer's views about our area.

As you can see, we will be electing our Nominating Committee for the next year. They will work to develop an Executive Board for our 2020-2021 program year. Thanks go to Janice Walker and each candidate who has agreed to serve.

Kinder's coupons are available from several members. Check out the AAUW Fund article for more information.

The Holiday Party with the Silver Bells theme looks to be lovely. Margi Alkire and her wonderful hosts are busy preparing for a sparkling evening on December 7th. And one more holiday tradition in the branch is the Layette Shower, hosted by Susan Rheingruber on December 11th.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION

I am pleased to announce this year's Nominating Committee candidates. The following members have graciously agreed to serve on our 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Representing the Board are SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe with Gayle Miner as alternate. Representing the general membership are Margi Alkire, Charlotte Liniger, and Margie Pruitt, with Jennifer Apkarian as alternate. Please join me at the November 20th general meeting to confirm these positions with your vote.

Janice Walker, Parliamentarian

What an amazing group of people belong to our branch. Thanks to each of you.

Reba

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AAUW FUND REPORT

Gayle Miner and Claudia Bass, AAUW Fund VPs

We are in the middle of our Kinder's sales which started October 16th and will end on November 25th. The twelve dollar coupons will be good through the end of February and are redeemable at the Pleasant Hill and Martinez stores. With each coupon you get a choice of a tri-tip sandwich, chicken sandwich or hamburger with a drink. We get five dollars for each coupon sold. In the past we have earned enough money to send a woman student from DVC to NCCWSL. Some of you heard Lily, our last student, talk at the brunch and heard how meaningful the experience was for her. Makes the sales effort worthwhile. So not only buy coupons but consider selling them to your friends. Contact Gayle Miner or Jennifer Apkarian if you are interested in selling or buying.

Four people from our branch attended the October 6th Fund luncheon in Danville. They were Helen Pereira, Trinka March, Kit Hein and Claudia Bass. It is always inspiring and interesting to hear what the grant recipients are studying as they pursue their advanced degrees and their personal stories. It puts a human aspect to AAUW Fund. What was especially exciting was part of the grant received by one of the recipients, Saalem Adera, came from Martinez Branch 50th Anniversary. She is attending UC Berkeley and working on her Ph.D. in hydrology (study of water). Once finished with school she wants to improve planning for access to plentiful and good quality water availability through various parts of the world.

At the luncheon, the national financial officer spoke about the need for donations to go to unrestricted funds. Funds from this category provide money to support a variety AAUW Fund programs. Restricted Funds are for educational grants and they are well endowed and can support many women students for a very long time. She provided a visual example and unrestricted funds are very much behind and needed. So consider contributing to unrestricted funds

One of the examples of the use for unrestricted funds is Campus Action Project (CAP) grants. The focus of these grants are to research barriers women have on college campuses and find ways for them to overcome these barriers. Another example is Campus Outreach Grants. Events are hosted to educate college women about unfair pay, sexual harassments and assaults as well as Title IX violations. All of these activities support the mission of AAUW.

We would like to invite you to join our committee and help us support the various activities AAUW Fund does to support women on a national and local level. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 18th, 2:30 at Gayle's house. Contact us if you are interested.

Pictured L to R:

Claudia, Helen, Saalem Adera (Fund recipient),
Trinka and Kit



2019–2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

November 2019 and beyond

- Nov 6** Morning Books, 10 am, Janice Walker's
- Nov 11** Grand Slammers Bridge, 12:30 pm,
Brookview Clubhouse
- Nov 13** Board meeting, 7 pm, Trinka March's
- Nov 15** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- Nov 19** Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, Hideout Kitchen
and Café, Lafayette
- RSVP to Marlene Maksel before Nov 16th**
- Nov 19** CCC IBC meeting
- Nov 20** November meeting, 7 pm, St Andrew's,
Mayor of Concord, Carlyn Obringer
- Nov 22** December 2019 N.E.W.S. deadline to Reba
- Nov 25** Evening Books, 7 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- Dec 7** Holiday Party, 6 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- Dec 11** Layette Shower, 10 am, Susan Rheingruber's
- Jan 15** International Soup Supper, St Andrew's
- Mar 31** AAUW Fund Game Day (tentative)
- Jan 28, Mar 24, May 26** CCC IBC meetings

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