

Congratulations to Harriett Burt!



Barbara Newacheck was a dynamic member of our Pleasant Hill Branch who embodied the values of AAUW. She passed away in 2004, and in 2005 the Barbara Newacheck Memorial Award was established to honor a member who, like Barbara did, advances the mission of AAUW through her contributions to the Branch and beyond.

Harriett Burt, a long time member of AAUW since 1962, is the recipient of the annual Barbara Newacheck award. She has worked tirelessly in AAUW to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Harriett has held numerous board positions during her membership: including President, Program Vice President (many times), AAUW Fund Vice President, and the appointed position of Community. She has been selected for the named Gift Honoree Award, and is the power behind the Kinder's sales. She is one of the hard core people you can count on to get things done.

Harriett also is active in our community. She

is known as Ms. Martinez. Just give her a microphone, and she loves it! She has received awards from the Martinez Chamber of Commerce and selected to be the Grand Marshal of the Alhambra High School homecoming parade. She is a member of Kiwanis and was Citizen of the Year in Martinez in 1975.

Harriett taught history at Martinez Junior High and even taught a year in Australia. She holds a BA in Social Sciences from CSU Fresno and an M.ED. in School administration from St. Mary's College.

In addition to this award, Harriett received a pin from our national organization for being an honorary 50 year life member. National sent her a thank you note for her 50 years of service to AAUW for promoting equity for women and girls. Congratulations, Harriett. We are so proud that you have been such a long standing, active member of our branch.



INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** will not meet in July. The committee selecting books will meet on July 18th, at 1:30 pm. You can send suggestions for book titles to Marlene before then. Morning Books will not meet in August. The book for September will be Delia Owens' *Where the Crawdads Sing*.



****IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in July or August.



****LUNCHIN' LADIES** will not meet in July or August. However, please give Marlene suggestions for some restaurants it would be fun for us to try in September.



****EVENING BOOKS** will not meet in July or August. The book for September will be *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Badnai.



****MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, July 25th. 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!

MATINEE IDLE will go to the movies on Thursday, August 22nd.

*AUGUST BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019*

7:00 PM

Location TBD

**Copy deadline for the
September 2019 N.E.W.S.
Monday, August 19th**

Please email copy to:

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OTHER GROUPS



****MAH JONGG**

COME PLAY MAH JONGG!

Mah Jongg will meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, July 19th and Friday, August 16th 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.

BOOK EXCHANGE/Round Robin 2nd 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 or potential ideas for books from my observations... so many books.....

Please contact Mary Hanlon at: (925) 934-3528(home) or (925) 286-2223 (cell) or 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.

AAUW FUND REPORT

Gayle Miner and Claudia Bass, AAUW Fund VPs

As you know, FUND sent a delightful young woman, Lili Eshtehar from DVC, back to the University of Maryland for the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders. Upon returning, here is what she said about her experience: "The conference was an absolutely amazing experience! I learned so much from all the workshops and panels. Some of the workshops I chose to go to talked about internships, self defense techniques, how to work on self care, public speaking and a panel talking about nursing! I learned so much from all of these workshops and the teachers that taught them. Thank you so much for allowing me to go on this trip. It definitely changed my life for the better and I feel like a different person coming out of the conference. I'm so grateful for being able to attend this conference." We are hoping Lili can join us for the September Brunch to speak to all of you in person.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who purchased Kinder's coupons during our recent sale and also to those who helped to sell the coupons. We made a profit of \$1,152.00, enough to send another DVC young woman to NCCSWL next year!

The AAUW Fund luncheon this fall will be held in Danville on Sunday, October 6, 2019. More details as the date gets nearer.

The next Fund meeting will be held on Monday, July 15 at 2:30 pm at Gayle Miner's home. This will be a planning meeting for the coming year. We invite you to join our committee on any of our meeting dates. Call Gayle Miner if you would like to attend at (925) 349-6795

TECH TREK TIDINGS

Diane Coventry



We learned, we explored, we were challenged, we problem solved, we experimented, we danced, we played, we made new friends, we laughed and we cried, " we found our people", and most importantly, we built memories that will last a lifetime.

That's it for now. We look forward to sharing more about our experiences and journey of Tech Trek Camp Sonoma 2019 at the Welcome Back Brunch in September.

Go to <https://techtrek-sonoma.aauw.net/> to learn more about Tech Trek at Sonoma State University.

Diane Coventry diane.coventry@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe, Membership VPs

Thank you goes to Claudia Bass for the great job of being a co-membership vice president in 2018/2019. I, SarahJoy Haynes, would like to introduce Kathleen Woulfe as co-membership vice president for 2019/2020. Thank you for being so organized for the easy take over.

Your grateful membership VPs are sending many KUDOS to all members of Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW who have paid their dues for 2019-2020. We greatly appreciate it and can now proceed with necessary reporting to AAUW National. If you have not yet paid, please send a check for \$105.00 made out to AAUW Pleasant Hill -Martinez Branch to SarahJoy Haynes, 635 Sherree Court, Martinez, CA 94553 or Kathleen Woulfe, 2154 Deerwood Drive, Martinez, CA 94553. Delaying this step could mean that we won't be able to get your name and contact information into next year's directory.

On a festive note, we will be planning the traditional Fall Brunch on Saturday, September 7 from 10-12noon at Marilyn Thelen's. It is a lovely event as we hear from our Tech Trek summer campers and our DVC student sponsored to attend NCCWSL. You will have a chance to learn about our branch and socialize! It is a wonderful opportunity to invite guests and potential new members.

To make this bunch a success we could use help on the committee and mostly volunteers to bring food, set up and clean up. If you can help us in any way, please contact SarahJoy Haynes at (925) 586-9493 or Kathleen Woulfe at (925) 372-7726. We appreciate all your enthusiasm.

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IN MEMORIAM - JANET ANDRONIS

Janet Andronis

Aug. 5, 1949 ~ May 24, 2019

Resident of Martinez, Ca.



Janet was a wonderful friend to all who knew her. She passed away succumbing to her battle with scleroderma.

Janet donated her body to UCSF hoping that it would help bring medical science closer to a cure for this terrible disease.

Janet was born in Vallejo, Ca to Verna & Henry Kuebelbeck. She graduated from high school in Salt Lake City, UT. Janet made her way to San Diego where she attended San Diego State Univ. earning a degree in Anthropology.

Janet moved to No. Ca. where she met and married her husband of 34 yrs, Kon.

Janet belonged to Diablo Model A, AAUW, the Martinez Sportsmen.

Janet is survived by her loving husband Kon, devoted children Pamela & Stephanie, her grandchildren Madeline & Jackson, & Kaitlyn. Janet is also survived by her sister Judi, & her family, & many cousins.

A Celebration of Life was held on June 25, 2019 at St. John Vianney in Walnut Creek. The mass was followed by a lunch.



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 **June brunch** on the **Photos Page**. Find photos of our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek girls on the **Community Action Page**. See our new board, Barbara Newacheck winner and the Named Gift recipients on the **About Us 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

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At our June Brunch, college scholarship awards were presented to five students from local schools. Each recipient was honored by members, family, and friends.

Five very deserving High School Seniors were recognized for excelling in their high school years, not only with excellent grades, but also in community service and leadership ability. They were each awarded a \$1,000 AAUW scholarship in recognition of their achievements. This year's recipients of Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW Scholarships are Tayler Hall and Carly Steele from College Park High School, and Jessica McCauley, Brianna Griffin and Rachel Snyder from Alhambra High School.



In the Fall, Tayler is going to Boston University with a major in Biology, and Carly is headed to San Diego State majoring in Sustainability. Jessica will attend Oregon State University and will be studying chemical engineering. Brianna is off to UC Santa Barbara, majoring in Mathematical Sciences, and Rachel will attend UCLA with a major in biochemistry/Chemistry.

Our branch is proud to award these young women our 2019 scholarships. Our branch strongly supports the Local Scholarship Fund in many ways, several fundraisers including our Silent Coffee Klatch, AAUW/Macy's Fashion Show, proceeds from attending a DVC musical performance, and our grand Slammer Bridge group as well as individual member donations.

2019-2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

July - August

September - October 2019

Through August 31 Use your Kinder's Coupons!

- July 15** Fund meeting, 2:30 pm, Gayle Miner's,
Call Gayle Miner to attend
- July 19** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- July 25** Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel
- Aug 14** Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD
- Aug 16** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
- Aug 19** September 2019 N.E.W.S. deadline to Reba
- Aug 22** Matinee Idle, Marlene Maksel
- Sep 7** Fall Welcome Brunch, 10 am - Save the Date
- Oct 6** Fund Luncheon, Danville - Save the Date

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