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There are so many different ways to say VOTE! Browse the internet and you will be amazed!

To that end, education is a key in the voting process. The League of Women Voters is teaming up with the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette and San Ramon branches to present the pros and cons for the California propositions. You must register and the easiest way is to go to the OML website directly: [oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net)

You will then be sent the log-in information by email.

Included in this emailing of the newsletter are 3 additional documents from the League and 1 from the AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee with its positions on the propositions.

Another resource recommended by the League is <https://votersedge.org/ca>

This one asks for your street address and zip code and will list all the races, ballot measures and propositions and guide you through filling out your specific ballot.

Be sure to take advantage of this webinar, and all the written material, so that you will have plenty of time to complete and return your ballot.

Harriett Burt and Helen Pereira, VPs for Programs



## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Our year began with a lovely online "Brunch" on September 26. We had the pleasure of hearing from most of our Tech Trek girls and from our NCCSWL candidate. They have been doing an amazing job of staying connected with their education in these challenging times.

We heard from many of our leaders in the branch, who have also been adapting to the new, mostly virtual environment. Thank you for your efforts to stay connected through Zoom and other distance maintaining means!

On October 6th, about 25 branch members joined DAWC branch for their League of Women Voters presentation on the propositions. Another one is scheduled for October 13. See the front page and a recent blast for all the info. And then VOTE! If you want help to get your ballot turned in, please let me know! The various League and AAUW-CA documents are attached to the email with this newsletter.

The AAUW Fund Fellows luncheons began on October 10 and another one is scheduled for October 24. Check the Fund article for details.

Our own Nancy Hobert lost her husband, Kent, in September. Our deepest condolences go to Nancy and her family.

As we take the time to learn as much as we can before we vote, may you take time for your own care as well. Stay safe and take care of yourselves.

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## HELP WANTED

Our AAUW Branch has openings for the following officers and positions on the board that need to be filled:

### **Appointed Officers**

Parliamentarian

Community

Education

Public Policy

Communications

### **Appointed Positions**

Historian

Major Fundraiser

Please consider volunteering for one of the above positions. AAUW Pleasant Hill Martinez Branch needs you! Please call Reba Siero, (925) 917-1061 OR Gayle Miner, (925) 349-6795 to find out more about these positions if you are interested. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



## 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.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Donald Kent Hobert, M.D. January 2, 1938 - September 11, 2020

Resident of Martinez, CA - Beloved husband of branch member, Nancy Hobert

Donald Kent Hobert was born in Charles City, Iowa, on January 2, 1938, to Carma June (Smith) Hobert Palmer and Donald Louis Hobert.

Kent began his education in a one-room schoolhouse near Charles City. During his youth, his parents divorced and Carma married Bernard Palmer. Kent and his older brother, Al, grew up on the family hog farm. His parents had two more sons, Gary and Tom, and the four of them worked on the farm before and after school.

Upon entering junior high school, Kent started at a city school. It was during his freshman year at Charles City High School when he met Nancy King. They were not exactly friendly

during that year: Kent and Nancy ran against each other for class president. Nan assumed she would easily beat the "country boy." Much to her shock - Kent won!

Years later while home from their colleges (Nan - Grinnell; Kent - Iowa State University) they reconnected and fell in love. Kent never did earn his B.S. degree since he had earned enough units and had such a strong G.P.A, that he was accepted in vet school. Since Kent liked people better than animals, he decided to change to medical school. Kent and Nancy were married in 1959. They moved to Martinez, CA, where Kent began his 35-year career at the County Hospital with Dr. George Degnan; including many years as head of the OB-GYN Department. It was in Martinez where they found life-long roots and joy. He remained generous to Martinez, Alhambra sports where he was the "Friday Football Doc" at the weekly game, and many charities.

In November 1983, Kent's life abruptly changed: he woke up at their beach house at Pajaro Dunes and found that he was paralyzed. Nancy, Tim, Beth, Amy were worried; Kent remained calm. At this moment, "Doc" remained kind, generous, loving, positive, and focused on resuming his life with his family and his patients. The family and his many friends and patients were thrilled when Kent came back and resumed his life. He had a special "stand-up" wheelchair that allowed him to continue performing surgery. "Doc" was often seen in his wheelchair dashing down Alhambra Avenue from county hospital to his office. Kent and Nan realized the home they had built would no longer work for life in a wheelchair, so begin strong, determined lowans, they found an architect and built a second home that would fit their new lifestyle. For example, Kent had raised beds that were wheelchair high surrounding the house so that he could still garden. He still chose to be generous to those in need; he was always willing to take a new patient for no charge. "Doc" love aiding those in need.

As the years passed, Kent was thrilled to become a grandpa. By then he had retired from County Hospital, but he still ran his private practice. He became an avid wood worker and built myriad boxes, numerous side table, lovely clocks, and many hand-built items that he offered to different civic groups to auction for charity. Kent took time to work with all four of his grandchildren in his workshop.

Kent was grateful that he lived long enough to watch his four grandchildren develop into caring, positive, successful young adults who offer hope for the future. He lived to see Timothy become engaged to Dana Sprague, Ryan enter in college, Julia grow into an intelligent, focused senior at Alhambra High School, and Luke graduate from Martinez Junior High and move to Alhambra for his freshman year.

On August 27, Kent suffered a series of strokes. Nancy, the children, and their families were all together during this time. The next week, Kent came home, and they were able to laugh, cry, hug, and kiss. Kent peacefully passed a little after 10:00 p.m. on September 11 at home with his family nearby.

Kent is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Hobert, son, Timothy K. Hobert (Donald H. Rader), daughter, Beth Ann Hobert, and daughter, Amy Susan Hobert-Beaty (Tom Beaty), and his four grandchildren, Timothy King Hobert, Ryan Joseph Beaty, Julia Susan Beaty, and Luke Thomas Beaty. He is also survived by his step-mother, Emma Hobert, and his sister, Karol Schlicher.

The family asks that donations be made to Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Contra Costa the Martinez Education Foundation.

[View the online memorial for Donald Kent Hobert, M.D.](#) Published in East Bay Times on Sep. 19, 2020.

## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** met on October 7th, via Zoom at 10 am. Reba sent out the data for entering the site ~ maybe about 9:50 am. We discussed Elizabeth Wetmore's *Valentine*. The story is centered in Odessa, Texas during the oil boom and the effect on the women and men in that area. We do NOT have a discussion leader, so everyone will have to contribute ideas and impressions. In November our book is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. .



**\*\*LUNCHIN' LADIES** will not meet in October. We normally meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, but the prospect for enjoying a lunch together seems more likely sometime in 2021. Details will be in the N.E.W.S. each month. Please, still give Marlene suggestions for restaurants!



**\*\*EVENING BOOKS** will hopefully meet via Zoom on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. At this printing, a book has not been selected, but a title will be emailed to everyone soon. If you are interested in Evening Books, and have not attended before, please let Marlene know so she can keep you informed ~ 689-5439 or marlene@maksiel.us.



**\*\*MATINEE IDLE** has no plans for October. Some movie theatres are planning to reopen soon, but please follow the monthly N.E.W.S. for the latest about our plans for movie viewing.



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thropy and research**

## OTHER GROUPS



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

#### **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

We usually play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, at 12:30 pm. We would love to have you join our group, as soon as we are able to meet again. 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.

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### **\*\*GRAND SLAMMERS**

#### **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

We are a social bridge group, which usually plays on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 pm at the Brookview Club House. We are not meeting until it is safe to do so.

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](mailto:mdl@astound.net) or (925) 934-4171 if you are interested in playing.

**OCTOBER BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**ZOOM**

**Copy deadline for the  
November 2020 N.E.W.S.**

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Please email copy to:

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## AAUW FUND REPORT

Jennifer Apkarian and Claudia Bass, AAUW Fund VPs

When you read this article you will have your directory and AAUW solicitation letter in hand. Since we couldn't distribute them at our traditional Fall Brunch a great team delivered them all. Many thanks to Jennifer Apkarian, Gayle Miner, Helen Pereira, Sarah Joy Haynes, Kathleen Woulfe, Margi Alkire, Marlene Maksel and Virginia Hewgley. Since Virginia was tied up in Oregon with her parents, she coordinated the deliveries and her husband Dan physically delivered them so special thanks to him. Also thank you to Sherrie Moore for delivering the directories to the members she was seeing. With all of your help the job got done.

Hopefully many of you were able to meet our NCCWSL student from DVC, Desiree Maurino, at our September Fall Brunch via Zoom. Even though she wasn't able to attend due to the pandemic she was more than happy to meet and talk to our branch. She has been an exceptional student at DVC and is now pursuing her studies at CSU Northridge in radiology online this year.

You now have your AAUW Fund solicitation letter and we encourage you to contribute. In the past everyone has been very generous contributing to various funds that are the heart of AAUW. National is encouraging donations to go to unrestricted funds as this covers many programs. Any contribution in any area is worthwhile and we thank you in advance. Send your contribution to Jennifer Apkarian.

Thanks to everyone for buying Kinder's tickets. We have sold out at this time and the sale is over. With the pandemic and not meeting in person we weren't sure of the success of the sale but our membership made it successful. Kudos to Gayle Miner for organizing and all those that sold tickets.

Usually at this time we are organizing a group to attend the AAUW Northern California Fund Luncheon. This year it will take on a new format and will be virtual. The dates are October 10 and October 24 beginning at 1:00 pm. You can watch it on Zoom Webinar "Meet the Fellows". There is no cost but donations are appreciated. You can register by clicking on the following links. For October 10 the link is [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kjp9yB1YS32o5-M-xm02tQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kjp9yB1YS32o5-M-xm02tQ) and for October 24 the link is [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IONja-5MSDK1gU17HtrqCg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IONja-5MSDK1gU17HtrqCg). Another way to register is to go to AAUW California website at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) and on the top of the page click on **2020-2021 Webinars**. Scroll down to the luncheons and register. It is always fun, interesting and inspiring to listen to the Fund recipients talk about what they are studying. At two of the past luncheons one of the recipient's grant came from the Martinez Branch 50 year endowment which was really exciting. There will be different fellows at each luncheon but they will not be regional so you can see both. Hopefully you will attend at least one of them.

**AAUW Fund committee needs you!!** We are looking for additional members. Meetings are every other month. It is a great way to see the entire picture of AAUW at the national and state level. Also we contribute at the local level through our NCCWSL program. We also have fun meeting the goals of AAUW Fund. Currently we are meeting via Zoom so contact Jennifer or Claudia if you are interested. Our next meeting is Monday, November 16, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

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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 Zoom pictures on the **Photo Page** from the virtual September Brunch. On the **Program Page**, see the upcoming programs and activities for the next year.

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**

# ROCK THE VOTE



**SAVE THE DATE**

**PH-M AAUW**

**ANNUAL LAYETTE SHOWER**

**Wednesday, January 13th, 2021, 10 AM**

**More info to come!**

**Janice Walker**

## 2020-2021 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### October - November 2020

#### All meetings virtual for now

- Oct 6** LWV presentation as guests of DAW branch (in lieu of October 21), 5 pm, Zoom
- Oct 7** Morning Books, 10 am, Zoom
- Oct 10** Fund "Meet the Fellows", 1 pm, Zoom
- Oct 13** Kinder's Coupon sale ended early! Thank you!
- Oct 13** LWV presentation as guests of OML & San Ramon branches (in lieu of October 21), 7pm, Zoom
- Oct 14** Board Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom
- Oct 24** Fund "Meet the Fellows", 1 pm, Zoom
- Oct 27** November 2020 N.E.W.S. deadline to Reba
- Nov 3** Election Day!
- Nov 4** Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom
- Nov 11** Helen Rossi, Deputy Superintendent of MUSD to speak on how schools are preparing to teach in the era of Covid- 19, 7 pm, Zoom
- Nov 16** Fund Committee Meeting, 2:30 pm, Zoom
- Nov 17** IBC meeting, 7 pm, Zoom



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