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Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW SEPTEMBER WELCOME BRUNCH

Saturday, September 26th, 2020

10:00 AM

On Zoom this year!

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME

- ◇ Meet our wonderful 2020 Tech Trek young ladies
- ◇ Meet our 2020 NCCWSL recipient, Desiree Maurino
- ◇ Meet and greet your friends, new and old
- ◇ Learn about our Interest Section offerings
- ◇ Hear from our officers
- ◇ Invite a friend/prospective member

No RSVP needed

Fix yourself a cup of tea or coffee and a yummy snack.

Wear a cool hat, if you like!

Zoom information will come a little closer to the event



KINDER'S COUPON ORDER FORM

Coupon sales help our branch send a DVC student to the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders.

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

YOUR TELEPHONE _____

YOUR EMAIL _____

Coupons are good at the Martinez and Pleasant Hill Kinder's. You get a Ball Tip or Chicken Sandwich or Hamburger and a small drink.

COUPON SALE IS FROM SEPT. 14 to OCT. 13 ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS

PRICE: \$13.00 each

Amount of coupons you ordered: _____

Amount of your check: \$ _____

(Make checks payable to: AAUW Pleasant Hill Martinez Branch)

Mail Order Form to: Gayle Miner, 125 Price Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Gayle will deliver or mail your coupons to you upon receiving your check.

Checks must be in by Oct. 13.

QUESTIONS? Call Gayle Miner at 349-6795

NOTE: You can do mail order to Gayle

OR call any one of the following people for coupons:

Claudia Bass – 372-8679

Jennifer Apkarian – 228-2027

Helen Pereira – 685-0757

Marlene Maksel – 689-5439

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT!

INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



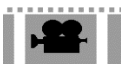
****MORNING BOOKS** met on September 2nd, our normal date on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Of course, this was via Zoom. Reba sent out the data for entering the site ~ and we began about 9:50 am. We discussed *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff. This is a WWII story about England's attempt to spy on the Germans' capabilities before D-Day. In October (7th), we will be discussing Elizabeth Wetmore's *Valentine*.



****LUNCHIN' LADIES** will not meet in September. We normally meet on the 3rd 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, the 28th. 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 September. 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. We'll hope for better news in September.



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OTHER GROUPS



****MAH JONGG**

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

We usually play on the 3rd Friday of the month. 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.

Contact:

Suzanne Salter at (925) 935-0861,
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Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795,
gayle.miner@yahoo.com

BOOK EXCHANGE/Round Robin LAST CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2020 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 have only a few openings left in our 2 Exchanges. Unless there is a flurry of interest, we will not have a 3rd Exchange. I do have a list of some 2020 potential titles (not inclusive) for reference. Please call with any questions.

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.

DEADLINE for reserving your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - is **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.

While the libraries are scheduled to re-open with limited hours/access, who knows how long that may last. E-Books should continue, but maybe this year is a good year to try the Exchange!

AAUW FUND REPORT

Jennifer Apkarian and Claudia Bass, AAUW Fund VPs

Our AAUW Fund committee met on July 20 to plan the year. We look forward to sending a DVC student to the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) next year. The conference will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park from May 26-29, 2021. The student that we had planned to send this year, Desiree Maurino, will speak at the September brunch about her experiences this summer and her plans for the upcoming school year.

This fall we will be selling Kinder's Tickets, which have been popular among our members. Coupons are \$13 each and can be redeemed at the Martinez or Pleasant Hill Kinder's. AAUW Fund receives \$5.50 per ticket sold. You get a choice between a Ball Tip Sandwich, Chicken Sandwich or a Hamburger, along with a small drink. This year's sale is September 14 through October 13. We will be conducting our sale a bit differently this year. A mail in order form is included in this newsletter for your convenience and tickets will be delivered to you once Gayle Miner has received your check. You can also contact Jennifer Apkarian, Claudia Bass, Marlene Maksel or Helen Pereira to get coupons directly.

When you receive your new 2020-2021 membership directory you will find an envelope with a solicitation letter in it to donate towards AAUW Fund. The letter explains about AAUW Fund. This is the heart of AAUW and promotes our mission for education and equity for women and girls. In the past you have been very generous with your donations and it is much appreciated. Membership and Fund committee members will distribute the directories geographically by area. If there are any additional members who would like to help distribute the directories please contact Jennifer or Claudia.

In October, we would normally be inviting our members to attend the AAUW Northern California Fund Luncheon, however due to the continuing pandemic, that luncheon will not be happening in person this year. Nevertheless, you can still hear from the women who have received fellowships from AAUW Fund. On October 10 and October 24, beginning at 1pm, you can watch a Zoom Webinar "Meet the Fellows". You can register via the AAUW California event website. More information on how to register via that link will be provided in the October newsletter. Hearing from these women is truly inspiring and interesting which makes our contributions and our efforts to raise money so worthwhile.

We welcome you to join our committee. It is a truly productive and fun group. We meet every other month. For more information you can contact Jennifer or Claudia. Our next meeting is September 21 on Zoom at 2:30 pm. Please let us know if you can attend.

Jennifer Apkarian at (925) 228-2027 or apkarian1@att.net or
Claudia Bass at (925) 372-8679 or cbasslancer29@aol.com



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SarahJoy Haynes and Kathleen Woulfe, Membership VPs

Do keep Saturday, September 26th, at 10 am, open for our September Welcome Brunch, on Zoom!

We have an email update for the Directory - Suzanne Salter - seabear92020@outlook.com

And here is information about a potential dues increase. Now is the time to let National know your thoughts! AAUW national is considering a dues increase. Our membership dues are now \$105. This breaks down to \$26 Branch, \$20 State, and \$59 National. Please send any comments you might have to connect@aauw.org by 9/25/20.

Possible input:

- National dues are already too high
- National expenses need to be reduced
- Higher dues would reduce membership
- Lower dues would increase membership

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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. On the **About Us Page**: our 2020-2021 Executive Board, The Barbara Newacheck winner, and Named Gift Recipients. On the **Community Action Page**: our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek girls, Please let me know if you'd like to submit a new picture for the **Member 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

AAUW Pleasant Hill- Martinez Branch

2020-2021 Proposed Budget

We will vote on this budget at our September Welcome Brunch on September 26th

Revenue:

Membership Dues \$2496.00

Ads \$50.00

Total Revenue \$2546.00

Expenses:

Directory \$225.00

Hospitality \$75.00

IBC Dues \$50.00

Insurance \$500.00

Membership \$125.00

Newsletter \$150.00

Program \$875.00

Website \$100.00

Sunshine \$25.00

Conference and Conventions \$300.00

Start Smart \$100.00

State Raffle Registration \$20.00

Total Expenses \$2545.00



2020–2021 LEADERSHIP TEAM

September -

October - November 2020

All meetings virtual for now

- Sep 2 Morning Books, 10 am, Zoom
- Sep 9 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom
- Sep 11 Ways and Means, 11 am, Zoom
- Sep 14 Kinder's Coupon sale BEGINS - supports FUND
- Sep 21 Fund Committee Meeting, 2:30 pm, Zoom
- Sep 22 IBC meeting, 7 pm, Zoom
- Sep 25 October 2020 N.E.W.S. deadline to Reba
- Sep 26 Fall Welcome Brunch, 10 am, Zoom
- Sep 28 Evening Books, 7 pm?, Zoom
- Oct 6 We're working on the LWV presentation as in vites of DAW branch (in lieu of October 21)
- Oct 10 Fund "Meet the Fellows", 1 pm, Zoom
- Oct 13 Kinder's Coupon sale ENDS
- Oct 14 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom
- Oct 21 League of Women Voters—information on the Propositions - Zoom (this may happen on Oct 6)
- Oct 24 Fund "Meet the Fellows", 1 pm, Zoom
- 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

Please, write any checks to the branch:
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