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PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Happy Summer everyone! I hope you are enjoying the Summer activities of your choice and also got to enjoy Father's Day, Juneteenth, and the 4th of July. Your AAUW Board will not meet until August 10th at 7:00 PM at my home on the patio. That does not mean that we are not planning now for the future. A joint fundraiser, "Gourmet To Go", being chaired by Sherrie Moore, is being planned for Wednesday, October 5 to benefit Local Scholarship, AAUW Fund, and Tech Trek. The committee includes Janice Walker, Trinkia March, Marlene DeLaurenti and Gayle Miner. See the details in the flyer included in this Newsletter. We hope for a large turnout and hope people will order a meal or two and then meet, after pick up, with friends, prearranged of course, in various homes to enjoy the takeout meal together prepared by The Classic Catering, 2653 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasant Hill. No cooking, no work, no fuss! Just pick up your meal at the caterer's and drive to a friend's home to enjoy. Reservations are being taken by Trinkia March and there is a deadline for reservations on the flyer. It will be successful if we have a large member participation.



Our Fall Welcome Brunch will be held on September 24 at Marilyn Thelen's home and will be chaired by our Membership VP's. We will need volunteers to serve on the Brunch Committee being formed. Please call or email Barbara Minneman at (925) 229-1827 or blminneman@comcast.net if you would like to help plan and work on the Fall Brunch in some capacity. It will be fun to hear about camp at Sonoma State from our Tech Trek girls. A huge thank you to Diane Coventry and our Tech Trek committee for selecting the girls to attend.

Finally, if we are to have a Holiday Party in December, we need to start planning it now. We need two people to chair this event and a committee to help them. Please contact Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795 or gayle.miner@yahoo.com if you are willing to chair or help with this event. If no one steps up to chair the Holiday Party, there will be no Holiday Party.

Please consider helping with any one of the events mentioned above or all of them. Events do not magically happen by themselves, it really does take planning, volunteers and teamwork to make events happen for all to enjoy. I wish you a wonderfully enjoyable Summer and look forward to greeting everyone at our September Brunch.

Gayle Miner
2022-23 President



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INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** has just finished voting on the titles for books that will be read and discussed in 2022-2023. By the time you read this blurb, the choices will have been made and you will be receiving the list of books along with meeting dates and requests for hostesses and discussion leaders.

In September, Morning Books will meet on Wednesday the 7th, 10 am, at Margie Pruitt's. We will be discussing Pearl S. Buck's *The Good Earth* ~ our Classic for both last year and this new year. We look forward to seeing you as we begin another year of great reads!



****MATINEE IDLE** will, hopefully, go to the movies again, starting in September. Our date is the 4th Thursday of each month, so plan for September 22nd. Movies, of course, will be chosen later. Please call or email Marlene Maksel if you are interested.

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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Harriett Burt - updated contact information

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OTHER GROUPS



****MAH JONGG** will meet on Friday, July 15th at the Brookview Clubhouse, 12:30 PM. We will meet next on August 19th and again on September 16th, both at 12:30 PM. Please let Suzanne Salter know if you plan to attend. Her contact information is:

Suzanne Salter

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****GRAND SLAMMERS**

For information, contact:

Marlene DeLaurenti at mdl@astound.net or (925) 934-4171

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2022

7 PM

Gayle Miner's and Zoom

**Copy deadline for the
September 2022 N.E.W.S.**

FRIDAY, August 26th

Please email copy to:

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Suzy Wear - New member information

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AAUW FUND REPORT

Our new AAUW Fund VP is Carolynn Barcklay. We welcome her to the Fund team. Thank you, Jennifer Apkarian, for serving as AAUW Fund VP for several years and will continue to be on the committee. Appreciation also goes to the rest of the members of the committee for their dedication in making Fund work. They are Helen Pereira, Gayle Miner, and Marlene Maksel.

A huge thank you goes to the members of our branch for their support and generosity in our fundraising endeavors which made the year successful. We raised \$7,049.00 through our solicitation letters, \$1027.00 with our Kinder's gift certificate sales and \$ 216.00 at our fun game day.

California AAUW started a program awarding certificates to those that donated \$100 or more to AAUW Fund (National). The following members received certificates, Associate's Circle: Pat Harris and Nancy Hobert; Sustaining Circle: Marlene Maksel, Kit Hein, Carol Tinsley, Harriett Burt, Suzanne Salter, Margie Alkire, and Kathleen Wheeler; Century Club Circle: Janice Walker, Diane Peterson, Reba Siero, Bambi Barker, Diane Coventry, Charlotte Liniger, Marilyn Thelen, and Kate Christensen. Congratulations. No matter the size of your donation it is always appreciated.

Looking forward to next year, you will be given a solicitation letter to donate to National AAUW Fund in September at the Fall Brunch which will be in your directory. Many of the endowments are well endowed and national AAUW encourages members to donate to greatest needs. This allows flexibility to implement programs that fulfill AAUW's missions.

The committee will be looking into having a fall Kinder's sale. More details will be available later.

As always, we encourage our branch members to join AAUW Fund committee. We meet every other month, and the time commitment is not great. We would love to have new members.

Our next meeting is July 18, 2022, at 2:30 at Carolynn Barcklay's house. Contact Claudia or Carolynn if you are interested in coming and we will send you the agenda.

Claudia Bass at (925) 372-8679 or cbasslancer29@aol.com

Carolynn Barcklay at (925) 682-7552 or cbarcklay@hotmail.com



 **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** Barbara Minneman and Karen Winters, Membership VPs 

 OOPS! DID YOU FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES? 

 YOUR MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS REQUEST THAT IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR DUES, TO DO SO BY JULY 31st. 

 IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN WINTERS AT (925) 408-5721 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PAID LOCAL DUES ARE USED TO SET OUR 2022-23 BUDGET, WHICH WILL BE DONE ON AUGUST 5. 





Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. Check out the pictures from our **June Brunch** on the **Photo Page**. See our new Board, Barbara Newachek winner and Named Gift Honoree on the **About Us Page**. Meet our Tech Trek and Local Scholarship girls on the **Community Action 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

Nominating Committee Report

We have just elected a new set of officers for the new AAUW year, and I thank all of you who have been involved in the process for your participation and hard work. I plan to chair this committee again in the new year, and look forward to working with some of you in the near future. The process takes place in early 2023, and that may seem like a long time from now, but if life is for you like it is for me, time goes by quickly and pretty soon it is time to act! If you are thinking of what you might do to be an active member in our branch this next year, perhaps you would consider being a member of this committee. Your help would be greatly appreciated. I am happy to help you with answers to questions you may have regarding this important commitment. Feel free to contact me at any time!

Thank you,
Helen Pereira
Parliamentarian
(925) 285-1766



Gourmet to Go
AAUW Fundraiser dinner
Wednesday, October 5th



Pick up your hot meal from 4 - 6 pm at:

Classic Catering

2653 Pleasant Hill Road Pleasant Hill, Ca. 94523

Menu:

Chicken Piccata w/ Wild Rice Pilaf Italian Chopped salad
roll and chocolate decadent brownie

\$40 per person, checks to AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch

Final deadline September 28th

Send number of meals and check to:

Trinka March 925 372-8420

650 Linden Lane, Martinez, Ca 94553

Order for you, your family, neighbors and/or friends

No muss, no fuss, no cooking! Dine at home with your family or
together with friends.

Funds for: Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and AAUW Fund



Tech Trek Tidings

**Northern California 2022 Tech Trek
at Sonoma State University Was a
Success!!**



While we can't say it went off without a hitch, I think we *can* say it was an experience that was both memorable and valuable for the campers. They took daily Core Classes in Botany, Chemistry, Engineering, and Math. On Monday and Friday, the girls attended workshops to learn soldering, coding, robotics, and other STEM skills. The weather was warm and sunny for the field trips to the Russian River where campers learned about the process to provide clean drinkable water to 600,000 people from the Sonoma County Water Authority. One evening, a former Tech Trekker who is now a structural engineer gave a presentation about the different types of engineering. Of course, there was Professional Women's night; and a new favorite this year was the lunchtime panel with College and High School former Trekkers who are majoring in STEM courses. When COVID reared its ugly head and the afternoon simulation "Mad City Money" had to be cancelled, the adults displayed creativity, flexibility, and collaboration to offer alternate activities. They really set a great example for these young women. Throughout the week, the campers made new friends, learned new skills, and indulged their curiosity!

~Virginia Hewgley

Thanks so much to everyone who donated at the End of Year Brunch and also to those who responded to the letter sent out in June. We hope you will all be able to attend the Welcome Back Brunch in September and hear what the girls have to say about their experiences at Tech Trek Sonoma 2022.

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Pleasant Hill/Martinez Faces

Back row: Diane Coventry, Co-director; Audrey Anderson-Ruiz, camper; Natalia Andres, camper; Anvi Channaveer, camper; Isabella Martinez, Senior Counselor.

Front row: Sanvi Panda, camper; Marianne Bunch, camper; Dylan Farrar, camper; Georgia Paulsen, camper.



The whole gang - Tech Trek Sonoma 2022

BOOK EXCHANGE/Round Robin - 2nd CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2022 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 or choices!) Please call with any questions.

Please contact Mary Hanlon @ 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.

2022-2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

July-August and beyond 2022

- Jul 15** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
July 18 Fund Committee meeting, 2:30 pm, TBD
Aug 5 Budget Meeting, 10 am, Trinkia March'
Aug 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Gayle Miner's and Zoom
Aug 19 Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
Aug 26 September newsletter deadline
Sep 7 Morning Books, 10 am, Margie Pruitt's
Sep 16 Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
Sep 22 Matinee Idle
Oct 5 Gourmet to Go Fundraiser
Oct Several possibilities for League of Women Voters presentations. More news later!

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