



**Helen Rossi**

**Superintendent of MUSD**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7 pm**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

**1601 St. Mary's Drive, Pleasant Hill**

or on Zoom!

Helen has served in every credentialed capacity in the Martinez Unified School District... she taught math at Martinez Junior High, has been a VP at the same school and principal there as well. At the district office she has served in personnel, finances and curriculum... she was appointed as superintendent this past year. She will speak about all of the new schools that have been built at the elementary level as well as plans for additional improvements with the passage of Measure K.

Helen is a very impressive woman with an incredible work ethic and she is looking forward to speaking at our upcoming meeting.



## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

Our Welcome Brunch on September 24, chaired by Barbara Minneman and Karen Winters, our Membership VPs, was a delightful event and enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend. The Brunch Committee deserves a huge THANK YOU!! for all of their planning and hard work to make the brunch a successful event. We were treated to hearing about the Tech Trek camp experiences from some of our campers and we also got to meet their family members. We had some perspective members attend to find out more about our AAUW branch. People had time to mingle and socialize before the delicious food was served and to also sign up for Gourmet To Go, our fundraiser that occurred on October 5. After brunch we held a business meeting, during which our 2022-23 budget was approved by the members present. We had updates on the SAM program by Sherrie Moore, Barbara Minneman and Helen Pereira. A signup sheet to help with the SAM program was passed around the tables. If you want to sign up to help, notify Sherrie Moore. Hopefully the SAM program will have lots of helpers in February and March when this worthwhile program begins at Fair Oaks Elementary.

The Fund Committee will soon be selling Kinder's Gift Cards for \$20.00 each. I hope you will support them as they raise funds to send a young, woman DVC student to NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) in the Spring. It costs approximately \$1,300.00 to send one student, so let's help them out by purchasing a Kinder's Gift Card or two or even three when the cards are on sale. The dates of the sale are from October 19 to November 18, 2022. They will be available at our October and November General Meetings. In addition, please call Claudia Bass or Carolyn Barcklay if you wish to purchase Kinder's Gift Cards and are unable to attend the meetings.

Our next General Meetings are on October 19 and November 16, both at 7:00 PM at St. Andrews Church. A Thank You to our Program VPs, Bobbi Horack and Sally Whitsett, for arranging our speakers for these meetings. Please see the Newsletter for details. Also, a Thank You to Pat Harris for organizing coffee and refreshments for our meetings. If you can bring a treat to a General Meeting, please call Pat and let her know at (925) 228-6263.

We now have a committee to plan the Holiday Party. Please see the "Save the Date" info on page 6.

One Last Thing...Please pay attention to reservation deadlines for events. We are often dealing with a caterer and can't keep adding reservations after the deadline.

I am so proud to be a member of our Pleasant Hill - Martinez Branch of AAUW. You all make up an amazing and generous group of people who care about helping women and girls. Thank you all for your constant support in our many endeavors.

Gayle Miner  
2022-23 President

## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** met on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, at Margi Alkire's. We discussed Jonathan Mooney's *Normal Sucks: How to Live, Learn and Thrive, Outside the Lines*. Are you "normal" ~ is anybody?? In November, we will be reading and discussing Marie Benedict's *The Personal Librarian*. Please plan to join us for future Morning Books discussions!



**\*\*MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday (4<sup>th</sup> in the month), October 27<sup>th</sup>. We just hope there will be something playing that we would enjoy viewing! You will be notified of movie, time and place on the Monday before the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please call Marlene Maksel if you are interested in attending.

## OTHER GROUPS



**\*\*MAH JONGG** will meet on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Brookview Clubhouse, 12:30 PM. We will meet next on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Please let Suzanne Salter know if you plan to attend. Her contact information is:  
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**\*\*GRAND SLAMMERS**  
For information, contact:  
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### SUNSHINE

Gayle Garrison

If you know of any member who needs a bit of sunshine, please let me know!

Gayle Garrison

[tarheel61@yahoo.com](mailto:tarheel61@yahoo.com) or (925) 798-7528

### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Gail Soldavini lives at 2141 Wilmington Drive in Walnut Creek, not 2142!

Please make the correction to your directory.

#### *OCTOBER BOARD MEETING*

*OCTOBER 12, 2022*

*7 PM*

*Karen Winters' and Zoom*

**Copy deadline for the  
November 2022 N.E.W.S.  
FRIDAY, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Please email copy to:

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## AAUW FUND REPORT

Claudia Bass andCarolynn Barcklay, AAUW Fund VPs

By the time you have received this newsletter you should have received your Solicitation Letter to contribute to National. Contributions made are used to facilitate AAUW's mission of providing education and equity for women and girls. Our branch has been very generous and giving which is appreciated. National is encouraging us to contribute to greatest needs which give them flexibility in providing needed programs. However, any contribution to any area is appreciated. The deadline for sending your contribution to Carolynn Barcklay is December 16, 2022. This will give her time to submit the paperwork to meet National's deadline of December 30. In advance, thank you.

Thanks to everyone who took the left-over directories at the brunch and delivered them. It is much appreciated.

We will be doing the Kinder's \$20.00 gift certificate sale again this fall. Cost will be \$20.00, and we receive \$4.50 for each certificate sold. There is no expiration date and is good at any Kinder's. This has been a good fundraiser and makes it possible to sponsor a Diablo Valley student to attend the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Certificates will be sold starting **October 19- November 18** and will be available at our October, November general meetings/ programs and interest groups. You can also purchase them via order form. Contact Gayle or Claudia if you want them. They would make great Christmas stocking stuffers and you can get ahead of your holiday shopping.

AAUW Fund National offers grants for women to pursue higher education and are very generous. This year California women (also known as fellows) received a record number of grants. AAUW CA has put together a Fund Events for a chance to meet the fellows and hear their stories and what they are studying. In the past it has been so interesting and amazing at what they are doing. What has been exciting is that 3 of the fellows in the past have received part of their grant from the Martinez 50-year branch endowment. The event will be virtual this year and will be held October 15, 22 and November 12 from 10 am- noon and October 23 from 1-3 pm. You must register to attend. You can do this by going on the CA AAUW website, [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org), click on Fund event, and choose your date.

We would love to have some new committee members. We are a fun and productive group. You can contact Carolynn or Claudia to find out more. Our next meeting will be on November 14, 2022, at 2:30pm at Claudia Bass' home. Come and see what we do.

Claudia Bass at (925) 372-8679 or [cbasslancer29@aol.com](mailto:cbasslancer29@aol.com)

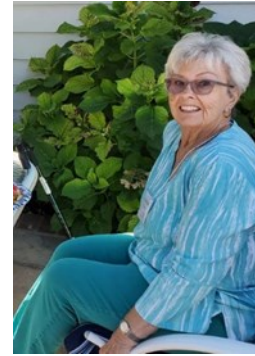
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## Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. Check out the pictures from our **September Brunch** on the **Photo Page**. Meet our Tech Trek girls on the **Community Action Page**. See our current list of Programs, Activities, and Fundraisers 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**

### PUBLIC POLICY

Please take a look at the document attached to the email with this newsletter, that shows the results of the 2021-2022 California Legislative Session and all the bills that were signed into law, with the help of lobbying by AAUW.



Jingle and Mingle is coming!

Our 2022 Holiday Party for Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW!

- Date: Saturday, December 3
- Place: Brookview Clubhouse
- Time: 5 p.m. with dinner at 5:46 p.m.
- Bring your own favorite beverage.
- Price: \$50.00
- Reservation details and more to follow.....

From your fun-loving committee: Margi Alkire, Sandra Wolfe, Bea Ball, Beverly Diefenbacher, SarahJoy Haynes, Shelley Jacobson, Beth Madruga, Marlene Maksel, Ish Mendonsa, Janet Sullivan, and Marilyn Thelen

Nominating Committee Report

The months are passing by quickly. January is the month when the Nominating Committee begins to meet to search for and contact those Branch members who are willing to serve on the Board in an Elected Position—Co-President, Co-Vice President of Programs, Co-Vice President of Membership, Vice Presidents of AAUW FUND (EF), Secretary, and Treasurer.

Most officers are willing to take on their position for 2 years. Trinkia March is an exception, in that she has been Treasurer for many years. It is time for someone to step in and be willing to take her position. She will be happy to train her replacement.

The Treasurer is, of course, the financial officer on the AAUW Board. She begins in the summer to create the budget for the upcoming year. As there are a number of laws governing non-profit groups, the treasurer needs to be up-to-date on these and can participate in training events. She will maintain all the accounts of the different groups of the Branch. A monthly report will be issued and presented at the Board meeting.

We need your help in choosing a new Treasurer for the next organizational year. Please help by being a member of the Nominating Committee! It's not too early to get the committee formed!

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

# ***SHE KILLS MONSTERS***

*Fundraiser for LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS &  
TECH TREK*



*She Kills Monsters* tells the story of Agnes Evans as she leaves her childhood home in Ohio following the death of her teenage sister, Tilly. When Agnes finds Tilly's Dungeons & Dragons notebook, however, she finds herself catapulted into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world that was her sister's refuge. In this high-octane dramatic comedy laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and 90s pop culture, acclaimed playwright Qui Nguyen offers a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.

**Join us Sunday, OCTOBER 30, at 2:30 PM for the first play of the 2022-23 season!! Tickets are \$30. Contact Virginia Hewgley (925-768-4417 or [vhewgley@astound.net](mailto:vhewgley@astound.net)) by October 19th if you would like to join us!**

**All proceeds will be split between Local Scholarship and Tech Trek.**

## 2022–2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### **Oct/Nov/Dec 2022**

- Oct 5** Morning Books, 10 am, Margi Alkire  
**Oct 5** Gourmet to Go Fundraiser, 4 - 6 pm  
**Oct 10, 11 and 20** Several possibilities for League of Women Voters presentations (see blast of 10/10/22)  
**Oct 12** Board Meeting, 7 pm, Karen Winters'/Zoom  
**Oct 15** AAUW CA Fund Event, 10 am, Zoom  
**Oct 19** General meeting, 7 pm, Helen Rossi, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church/Zoom  
**Oct 19** Deadline to buy tickets for *She Kills Monsters*  
**Oct 21** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Oct 22** AAUW CA Fund Event, 10 am, Zoom  
**Oct 23** AAUW CA Fund Event, 1 pm, Zoom  
**Oct 27** Matinee Idle, call Marlene  
**Oct 28** N.E.W.S. deadline  
**Oct 30** *She Kills Monsters* matinee at DVC, 2:30 pm  
**Nov 2** Morning Books, 10 am, TBA  
**Nov 8** Election Day  
**Nov 9** Board Meeting, 7 pm, TBA  
**Nov 12** AAUW CA Fund Event, 10 am, Zoom  
**Nov 16** General meeting, 7 pm, TBA, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church/Zoom  
**Nov 22** N.E.W.S. deadline  
**Dec 3** Holiday Party, Jingle and Mingle, 5 pm, Brookview Clubhouse

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