

## From “Brave Little Nell” to the “Amazing Eleanor Roosevelt”



**Wednesday, March 16, 2020 at 7 pm**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

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

or on Zoom!

Happy Women's History Month!

Isn't it about time we meet Eleanor Roosevelt?



This month's event is one we have waited for since the emergence of the pandemic.

Bay Area actress Laurie Strawn created Brave Little Nell over 15 years ago and will be introducing Eleanor Roosevelt for our enjoyment on March 16th. She created it originally as a way to show young students how one woman can influence the nation and the world for the better. It was so well-received by students and their teachers that she expanded the performance to appeal to all ages and all walks of life. Part of a theatrical family, Laurie has appeared at Contra Costa Civic Theater and other playhouses. She was part of the Davis Shakespeare Festival last summer and currently is part of the Sonora's Sierra Repertory Theatre production of The Church Basement Ladies-Last Potluck Supper. Her husband Lee is a gifted singer and actor and their teenage daughter, Julia, is a history buff and an actress.

Bring your questions and your imagination as we all step back into the life and history of one of our most fascinating humanitarians. We are so excited for this opportunity and hope to see you there



Pleasant Hill-Martinez (CA) Branch

Advancing equity for women and girls through  
advocacy, education, philanthropy and research



## **PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS**

It's March already and Spring, which officially begins on March 20, is almost here. Your AAUW Board and Committees have been busy planning activities for you to enjoy in person. Be sure to attend the General Meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's Church. Laurie Strawn will be portraying Eleanor Roosevelt in honor of Women's History month for your education and enjoyment. Try not to miss this outstanding program brought to you by our Program VPs.

Our Fund Committee is busy planning Game Day for March 31 at Brookview Clubhouse. Reservations must be made with Marlene Maksel to attend. Proceeds go to the National AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). See details in this Newsletter.

Our Fund Committee is also selling Kinder's Gift Cards for \$20.00 each from March 14 to April 9. For your convenience, you can purchase gift cards at the March General Meeting, at Game Day, from Claudia Bass and Jennifer Apkarian, or you can fill out the order form in this Newsletter and order them by mail. Don't delay in making your purchase, as they sold out last Fall before the sale was over.

Local Scholarship has planned a fundraiser at Red Robin restaurant in Sun Valley Mall for March 17, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Also in the planning stage is a DVC play for March 27. The details for these two events are also in this Newsletter.

So, there are four AAUW events in which you can participate for the month of March, along with additional

Interest Group meetings.

For these interesting and fun-filled events to continue throughout the year, we really need people to get involved and come forward to serve on the Board or on committees that plan events and raise funds for AAUW PHM Branch. Your input and time are valued and appreciated.

Imagine what it would be like if no one stepped up to serve on the board or a committee. Nothing would get done!! There would be no events to attend!! Please consider joining a committee or serving on the board for the coming year. Please do your share as a member of AAUW PHM Branch.

Gayle Miner, 2021-22 Co-President

***MARCH BOARD MEETING***  
***MARCH 9, 2022***  
***7 PM***  
***ZOOM***

**Copy deadline for the  
April 2022 N.E.W.S.  
WEDNESDAY, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

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## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



### **\*\*MORNING BOOKS** met

Wednesday, March 2nd, 10 am, at Janice Walker's. We discussed Erik Larsen's engrossing book, *The Splendid and the Vile*. In April our book will be Kelli Estes' *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*. Please plan to join us! Wear masks, if that is your choice.



### **\*\*EVENING BOOKS** will meet on

Monday, March 28th, 7 pm, probably at Marlene Maksel's. More info later. We will be discussing *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson. The subtitle is *A Man, A Time and the Deadliest Hurricane in History*. Sounds exciting!!!



### **\*\*MATINEE IDLE** is on hold for

another month. We normally meet on the 4th Thursday of each month. If you are interested, please call or email Marlene Maksel. In April, we will try Century 16 again!



### **Game Day**

**Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**12:00- 3:00**

**Brookview Clubhouse**

**\$10.00**

**Come join us for a fun afternoon playing MAH JONGG, BRIDGE or MEXICAN TRAIN with fellow members. Snacks and beverages will be served.**

**Proceeds will fund Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).**

**Let Marlene, [925-689-5439](tel:925-689-5439) or [marlene@maksel.us](mailto:marlene@maksel.us) know if you are coming and what game you will be playing. It would be helpful if bridge groups reserve as a foursome group.**

**Hope to see many of you there!!!!**

## OTHER GROUPS



### **\*\*MAH JONGG** will meet on

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Brookview Clubhouse, 12:30 PM. We will meet next on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Please let Suzanne Salter know if you plan to attend. Her contact information is:

Suzanne Salter

[seabear92020@outlook.com](mailto:seabear92020@outlook.com)

(925) 988-0322 cell)



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

For information, contact:

Marlene DeLaurenti at [mdl@astound.net](mailto:mdl@astound.net) or (925) 934-4171

## AAUW FUND REPORT

Jennifer Apkarian and Claudia Bass, AAUW Fund VPs

After two years, our branch will get together on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for Game Day which supports LAF. We will gather from 12-3 pm at Brookview Clubhouse. Prepare to enjoy fun and laughter while playing BRIDGE, MAH JONGG and MEXICAN TRAIN. The cost is \$10. Please let Marlene Maksel know if you are coming and what game you will be playing. Those signing up for Bridge need to reserve in four person groups. Marlene's contact information is (925) 689-5439 or [marlene@maksiel.us](mailto:marlene@maksiel.us). Hope to see many of you there!

According to the AAUW Fund 2021 Final Contribution Report our branch contribution to AAUW Fund is \$7,049.00. Thank you so much for your generosity. This helps AAUW carry out a variety of programs and activities, including encouraging and training college women to run for student government and political offices and providing young women grants and fellowships. These donations also help young women attend our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

This year the NCCWSL conference will be held virtually from May 24-26, 2022. Our committee plans to select a young woman to attend the conference. The application, review and selection process will be occurring over the next few months.

Since our fall Kinder's sale was so successful and sold out quickly, this spring we will be selling \$20 Kinder's gift cards again. These gift cards can be used at **ANY** of Kinder's seven Bay Area locations and can be used toward **ANY** menu item. These gift cards make excellent gifts for Easter baskets and the spring season and do NOT expire. Sales will begin March 14 and last through April 9. We will once again include a mail order option for your convenience. Please contact Jennifer Apkarian or Claudia Bass for gift cards. More information and a mail order form are included in this newsletter.

The AAUW Fund committee has selected our named gift honoree whose name will be announced at our meeting in May or June.

Our next committee meeting is Monday, March 14, 2022 at 2:30 at Claudia's home or via Zoom. If you are interested in attending let Jennifer or Claudia know.

Jennifer Apkarian at (925) 228-2027 or [apkarian1@att.net](mailto:apkarian1@att.net) or

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



### 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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## 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 **February Program** on the **Photo Page**. Find our upcoming Programs and activities 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**



# Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report the slate of officers it has assembled for the 2022-2023 Branch year.

We present the following to the membership:

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Presidents:.....Gayle Miner  
( ? )

Program Vice Presidents.....Bobbi Horack  
Sally Whitsett

Membership Vice Presidents....Barbara Minneman  
Karen Winters

AAUW FUND (EF).....Claudia Bass  
Vice Presidents                 Carolynn Barcklay

Secretary.....Susan Peterson-Trebino

Treasurer.....Trinka March

As you can see, we need one of you to please help Gayle Miner as a Co-President.  
Please see the BLAST sent via e-mail recently.

Thank you!

Helen Pereira

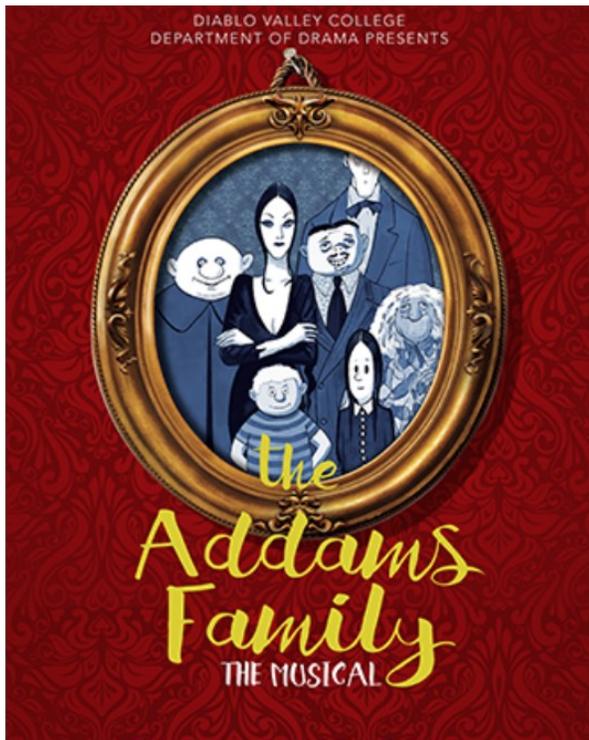
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# The Addams Family

## THE MUSICAL



THE ADDAMS FAMILY embraces the wackiness in every family and features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family— a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before— keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

**PLEASE JOIN US! MARCH 27, 2022, AT 2:30 PM IN THE DVC PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. TICKETS ARE \$30. ( MAKE CHECKS TO PH / M AAUW) CONTACT VIRGINIA HEWGLEY AT 925-768-4417 OR [VHEWGLEY@ASTOUND.NET](mailto:vhewgley@astound.net) BY MARCH 18 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR TECH TREK PROGRAM!**





# It's Coffee Klatch Time!

Since the Soup Supper had to be cancelled, we hand delivered the flyers and return envelopes for the Coffee Klatch again this year. (If you live outside of the Pleasant Hill/Martinez area, you can expect yours to arrive in the mail.) Many thanks to Jennifer Apkarian, Claudia Bass, Virginia Hewgley, Bobbi Horack, Gayle Miner, Sherrie Moore, Helen Pereira, Carol Walsh, and Sally Whitsett for getting all those envelopes out to our members!

For those of you who are new members, the Coffee Klatch is the primary fundraiser for the Local Scholarships Committee. Each year we provide \$1000 scholarships to seniors at College Park and Alhambra High. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have been able to provide 3 scholarships to women at each school for the past several years. We hope you can help us keep this PH/M AAUW tradition going strong!

If you have not received your flyer and return envelope, or if you are interested in joining the scholarship committee, give Virginia Hewgley a call at 925-768-4417.



## PUBLIC POLICY

### **What are You Doing this Year to Mark Equal Pay Day?**

Ginny Hatfield and Shelley Mitchell  
AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

AAUW believes that pay equity and equal employment opportunity are matters of simple fairness. We know that on the average, women earn about 80 cents for every dollar men earn. Started by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996, the goal of Equal Pay Day was to raise awareness about the gender wage gap.

Each year this date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The date normally moves earlier each year as the wage gap closes, as women's average wages rise faster than men's. Equal Pay Day was traditionally a Tuesday in April, but happily, in 2021, the date was March 24, meaning that things had improved. And this year the news is even better – all women in the aggregate will reach parity with all white men on March 15, 2022. Better, but we're still not there.

On June 10, 2021, the Paycheck Fairness Act, which had passed the House of Representatives and amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 by providing more effective remedies to victims of wage discrimination based on sex, was filibustered in the Senate on a 49-50 vote. Now is the time to let your elected officials know how you feel about this failure to codify pay equity.

AAUW Branches throughout the country have marked this day with activities that highlight the wage gap. Here are some suggestions for things your branch can do.

- Write your representatives in Congress to encourage them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.
- Encourage your local city council or county board of supervisors to issue a proclamation in support of pay equity.
- Wear Red to symbolize that women's paychecks are "in the red" when compared to men.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper or offer to submit an op-ed.
- Share a timely post on social media to spread awareness.
- Hold an event on your local campus and offer cookies to women that are proportionately smaller than the ones you offer to men. Also invite participants to become student affiliate members of AAUW.
- Invite community members to an "unhappy hour."

Whatever you decide to do, start planning now. We can't wait for equal pay!

You can get more information and samples of proclamations and letters from the [National Committee on Pay Equity](#). You can also find out more on AAUW National's website on Pay Equity at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/pay-gap-faqs/>.



## KINDER'S Gift Card ORDER FORM

Gift Card 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Cards are good at all Bay Area Kinder's locations. You may use the Gift Card for any items on Kinder's menu.

**GIFT CARD SALE IS FROM March 14 to April 9, 2022 ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS**

**PRICE: \$20.00 each, with NO EXPIRATION DATE!**

Amount of Gift Cards you are ordering \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of your check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Give or Mail Order Form to:

Claudia Bass, 1706 Endriss Drive, Martinez, CA 94553 --or--

Jennifer Apkarian, 1057 Village Oaks Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

Jennifer or Claudia will deliver or mail your Gift Cards to you upon receiving your check. Your check must be in by April 9, 2022.

**QUESTIONS? Call Claudia Bass, (925) 372-8679**

**NOTE: You can call or do mail order to Jennifer (925) 228-2027 or Claudia (925) 372-8679. They are the only people who have Kinder's Gift Cards.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT! THE FUND COMMITTEE**



Help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day (March 17, 2022) with a fundraiser at Red Robin in Sunvalley Mall from 4 – 8 pm. Our Local Scholarship Fund will receive 20% back on all dine-in or to-go food orders. If you are dining in, simply tell your server that you are there for Pleasant Hill/Martinez AAUW fundraiser.

If you would like your order to-go, please follow these steps:

Start your order at <https://order.redrobin.com/> and select the restaurant above. If link does not work, please copy and paste to your browser.

Once in the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers".

Open "Spirit Night (To-Go) Fundraiser".

Add organization name to the Special Instructions in the Spirit Night item, then add it to cart. (Note: if you add the item prior to entering your information, you can still edit it from your cart)

Add your meal items then check out.

Arrive at Red Robin, pull into a designated curbside spot where available and call the phone number on the sign. Our Team Members will bring your order to your car.

If you would like a flyer to print and hand out to your friends and family, or information to post on your social media, please email Virginia Hewgley at [vhewgley@astound.net](mailto:vhewgley@astound.net) and she will email templates to you. We hope you can join us!

## 2021-2022 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### March-April 2022

- Mar 2** Morning Books, 10 am, Janice Walker's  
**Mar 9** Board Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom  
**Mar 14** Fund meeting, 2:30 pm, Claudia Bass'  
**Mar 16** General meeting, 7 pm, Laurie Strawn, Brave Little Nell, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
**Mar 17** Red Robin fundraiser, 4 to 8 pm, dine in or take out  
**Mar 18** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Mar 18** Last day to reserve seats for The Addams Family  
**Mar 27** The Addams Family: The Musical, 2:30 pm, DVC  
**Mar 28** Evening Books, 7 pm, Location TBA  
**Mar 30** Newsletter deadline  
**Mar 31** Game Day, 12 to 3 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Apr 5** Morning Books, 10 am, TBD  
**Apr 13** Board Meeting, 7 pm, TBD



Please, write any checks to the branch:  
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