



Presidential Postings

We're into the mostly sunny and warm days of summer. I hope you are enjoying your time with family and friends. Summer barbeques, growing your own veggies and fruits, going on vacation.

Our End of Year Brunch on June 7th was a wonderful gathering of members, Tech Trek girls and their families, and Local Scholarship recipients and their families. We installed our officers for the year and had a nice meal and good conversations. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who planned and helped make it so lovely.

Branch activities slow down a bit, but preparations for the coming program year are underway. Think about how you can help as we begin a new year. And let us know!

Save the Date for our Welcome Back Brunch on September 13th. It will be a great beginning to the year with our Branch. We always look forward to hearing from our girls who went to Tech Trek camp over the summer. Their enthusiasm is infectious! It is also a great time to invite someone you know who might like to join our Branch.

The board will begin the new year with a meeting on August 13th. Any member is welcome to attend a



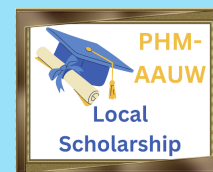
Welcome Back

Brunch



Local Scholarship

Recipients



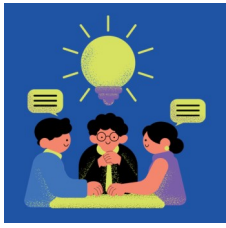
DVC Scholarship

Recipient



Tech Trekkers





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board meeting. Let one of us know if you would like to join us!

Take care of yourselves and have a summer to remember!

~ SarahJoy, Sherrie, and Reba

DVC Scholarship



Our 2025 DVC Scholarship recipient is Tara Lanoie who will be transferring to California State University, East Bay in the Fall of 2025 majoring in psychology. At DVC she majored in psychology and addiction studies.

Tara had dropped out of school and faced many personal challenges which she overcame, enrolled at DVC, and became successful in

school. She is also the first one in her family to attend college. In addition to being a student, Tara is a single parent of two girls, aged 14 and 5.

At DVC, Tara was a former EOPS (Educational Opportunity Program Services) peer advisor. There she provided assistance and advice to fellow students. She also showed initiative and student leadership by creating The Children's Clothing Closet where parents can obtain clothing for infants and toddlers as DVC families. Currently she is working as a Drug and Alcohol counselor with twenty-four clients on her case load. In addition to family, work, and school obligations, she volunteers at her church.

Tara has shown a tremendous amount of perseverance and resiliency, which has contributed to her academic and life success. The faculty and staff at DVC highly recommended her, and a common theme is that the qualities she has would make her a successful counselor and contribute to the community in positive ways. What also drives her is her desire to be a positive role model for her girls, which is especially important to her.

Congratulations to Tara, and we wish her well in the next chapter of her education.

~ Claudia Bass

SUNSHINE

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

Marti Martin

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Local Scholarships

At our June 2025 Brunch, college scholarship awards

were presented to five local high school seniors.

These deserving girls were recognized for excelling in their high school years, not only with excellent grades, but also in community service and leadership ability.

They were each awarded a \$1,000 AAUW scholarship in recognition of their achievements. This year's scholarship recipients are Sarah Kim and Gema Sanchez Peraza from College Park High School, and Willa Adler, Chiara Ke, and Giana Dubon from Alhambra High School.

In the Fall, Sarah is going to UC San Diego and pursuing a major in Applied Mathematics, and Gema will attend UC Berkeley and will major in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Willa is headed to UC Davis majoring in Political Science/History. Chiara will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and will be studying Architectural Engineering. Giana is off to San Jose State majoring in Psychology.

Our branch is proud to award these young women our 2025 scholarships. As a branch, we strongly support the Local Scholarship Fund through several fundraisers including our Silent Coffee Klatch, as well as individual member donations and Grand Slammer Bridge club donations.

~ Helen Pereira



AAUW Fund Report

Barbara Newacheck Award

This year's recipient of the Barbara Newacheck award is Claudia Bass, our current treasurer. Claudia has been earlier named for two AAUW Gift Fund honorees. Decades ago, Claudia served as President of the Martinez branch and was involved in Tech Trek. More recently, she served as co-president with Jennifer Apkarian. They then took charge of AAUW Fund. She is a committee member on Tech Trek now and helps out with our SAM Program.

Claudia has had a successful career putting her Special Ed credential to good use in the Contra Costa Education Department. Her family has expanded with two grandvchildren and two great grandchildren. Weekend may find her playing Mexican Train, golfing, or drinking wine. Congratulations, Claudia!

~ Gayle Miner and Carolyn Barcklay, Co-VPs



Named Gift Honoree

It is with great pleasure that we present this year's Named Gift Honoree Award to Sandra Wolfe for her contributions to the mission of AAUW.

Sandy is a person who contributes to AAUW in many ways, besides just writing a check. She chairs and organizes our AAUW Holiday Party, and she also offers her lovely backyard for our Tech Trek Wine and Cheese Fundraiser. We also must not forget her willingness to cut quiche!

Congratulations, Sandy.



Writing a check for donation or event?

**Please make it payable to
AAUW Pleasant Hill—Martinez Branch.**



Tech Trek Tidings

It was exciting to see and hear from all six of our selected Tech Trekkers at our End of the Year

Brunch in June. They also all attended the Ice Cream Social, having the opportunity to meet with other campers from our IBC (Inner Branch Council), our local branches. This was important and helpful for them to recognize a few more faces once they are at Sonoma.

Camp 2025 will be winding down for our branch as this article is being published. June has been a busy time preparing for camp, making sure all the new Trek Trekkers and families are prepared for the week at Camp Franklin at Sonoma State.

At the recent Wine & Cheese Fundraiser, 31 supporters attended and donations totaled \$1400. We are all thrilled! The weather was perfect, not too hot this time. Thanks to Sandy Wolfe for opening her home and her shady back yard! And thanks to the Tech Trek Committee and a few other members for providing drinks and appetizers.

We have received quite a few checks in response to the letter handed out at the Spring Brunch. Thanks to all of you for supporting this wonderful program! A big shout out to Elaine Seawall for her very generous monetary contribution of support and to others donating \$100 and above. Every bit helps to reach our goal of sending six girls to Tech Trek.

Diane Coventry and Claudia Bass attended the Kiwanis Luncheon to receive our grant check for a

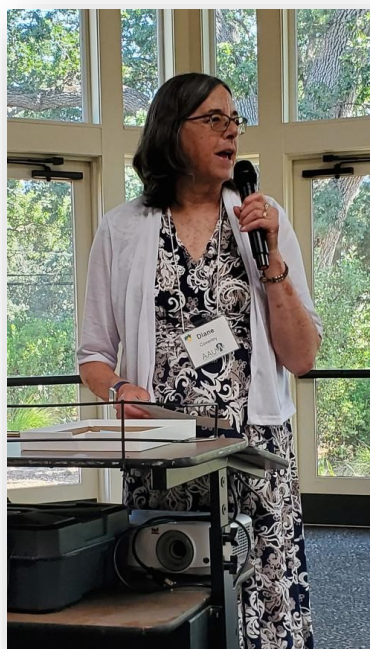
camper scholarship. Thank you to Kiwanis Martinez for your continued support of Tech Trek. Photo with Igor Skaredoff, Kiwanis member.

We are looking ahead and excited to hear from the 2025 Tech Trekkers and learn about their experiences at camp at the Welcome Back Brunch in September. Stay tuned.

~ Diane Coventry



Tech Trek Photos from Brunch and Wine and Cheese Fundraiser



More Photos from Tech Trek Wine and Cheese Fundraiser



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Morning Books

Morning Books will meet on Wednesday, September 3rd at 10 A.M. at Margie Pruitt's home. We will be discussing Ketanji Brown-Jackson's *Lovely One*. This book is Ketanji's memoir of her life leading up to being appointed to the US Supreme Court in 2022. Please let Margie know if you plan to attend. Please join us for a great discussion on this inspirational book!



Lunchin' Ladies

Lunchin' Ladies will not meet in July or August. We will resume our outings in September. Watch the September NEWS for details.



Nimble Fingers

Nimble Fingers will not meet in July or August, but will meet again in September. Details on that meeting will be in the September NEWS.

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Wine Appreciation Club

On May 16th, Sommelier Patrick Miner presented information about champagne, the region in

France, production techniques, and quality. We watched as Patrick sabered two bottles, slicing off the cork and top of the neck of the bottles with a small "saber". We tasted and enjoyed five French champagnes. Thank you, Patrick!

On June 20th, 15 people gathered at Margie Pruitt's house for the Wine Appreciation Group. Claudia Bass and Margie introduced us to Chenin Blanc wine, and we tasted four different examples. Thank you to Claudia, Karen Winters, and Gordon Haynes for bringing the wines and to Margie for hosting us.

The next Wine Group meeting will be Friday, September 19th at 4 P.M. at Diane Peterson's house. We will be learning about and tasting Lambrusco, a red sparkling wine from Italy. If you would like to attend, please let Diane know. Space is limited.

~ Diane Peterson



Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg will meet this Summer on Friday, July 18 and Friday, August 15 at 12:30 PM at Brookview Clubhouse. Newbies are welcome too!

Be sure to let Suzanne Salter

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know if you are coming for each date.



AAUW Pleasant Hill— Martinez Branch 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 **Photos Page**. Find the new Board on the **About Us Page**. Enjoy photos of our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek girls on the **Community Action Page**. See the article and picture of our DVC Scholarship winner on the **About Us Page**. As always, read the latest Newsletter on the **Newsletter Page**.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org>. 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 on the **About Us Page**.

~ Sherrie Moore, Webmaster





WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

Please join us

Saturday, Sept. 13th 10 A.M.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill

Note: We will be in the back part of the room; enter on the side

Hear our Tech Trek girls relate their adventures

at Sonoma State camp

Preview this coming year

Bring friends who are interested in becoming members
so they can see what we're all about!

Price: \$15

Make a reservation by September 5th by sending a check

made out to **AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**

to **Diane Peterson, 534 Roanoke Dr., Martinez, CA 94553**



PHM AAUW Calendar

July 18 Mah Jongg, 12:30 P.M., Brookview Club-house

Aug 13 Board Meeting, 7 P.M., SarahJoy Haynes'

Aug 15 Mah Jongg, 12:30 P.M., Brookview Club-house

Aug 25 September NEWS deadline

Sept 3 Morning Books, 10 A.M., Margie Pruitt's

Sept 5 Deadline to reserve/pay for Welcome Back Brunch

Sept 13 Welcome Back Brunch, 10:00 A.M., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Sept 19 Wine Club, 4:00 P.M., Diane Peterson's



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