

## Presidential Postings



The summer is coming to a close, and we're looking forward to our new program year as we begin with our September Welcome Back Brunch on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10 A.M., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. We will hear from our Tech Trek girls and hope to see our DVC scholarship recipient. We can visit with friends, old and new, and enjoy a wonderful meal.



Learn about the activities we have planned for the coming year. There are several wonderful events to look forward to in 2026. The Layette Shower is scheduled for January, the Soup Supper in February, and the SAM program in February/ March.

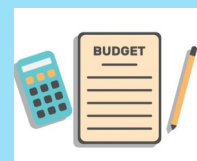
The new directories will be available for pick-up, with two Fund letters tucked inside, one for our Scholarship recipient from DVC and the other for the National AAUW Fund.

The cost of the Brunch is \$15 per person. Please send your check to Membership Co-VP Diane Peterson. There is more information in this newsletter.



Carlyn is working on several interesting speakers for our meetings this year. We hope you will be able to attend and join your AAUW friends as we carry out the mission of AAUW within our Branch. Just to let

### 2025-26 Budget



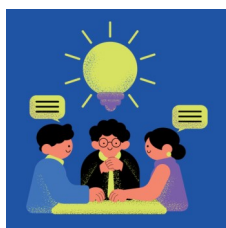
### Welcome Back Brunch



### Kinder's Order Form



### Tech Trek



## Presidential Postings (cont.)

you know, we are not planning an October meeting.

Our November meeting will be held Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the First Congregational Church of Martinez. Our speaker is County Registrar, Kristin Connelly. See the attached flyer for more information.

AAUW Fund will be selling the ever-popular Kinder's Gift Cards as a fundraiser this Fall, beginning at the September Brunch.

How about a Holiday Party in December? It's never too early to think about it! Will you help plan it? Let us know!

Thanks to each of you for being a part of our Branch!

~ SarahJoy, Sherrie, and Reba

**Writing a check for donation or event?**

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



## AAUW Fund Report

### Fundraising Begins for National Fund and DVC Scholarship

One of the Fund Committee's jobs is to raise money for National AAUW. You will receive a solicitation letter in your new directory at the Welcome Back Brunch. The funds raised go **directly** to National AAUW for various programs, educational grants, and fellowships. **New this year** is the opportunity to donate to the DVC scholarship for a women continuing to a four-year college or university. Any donations to the DVC scholarship fund will be awarded to a DVC student. You will notice there are two letters explaining the goal of each program. Please send your donations to Gayle Miner in the envelope provided. You can also donate to National online at AAUW.org. Thank you for your continued support as you have always been very generous with your donations.

The Fund Committee will be selling Kinder's gift cards this September 13<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you choose to order your gift cards via mail, we have provided a form for you to use. This has been our major fund raiser for the DVC scholarship of \$1000 given to a deserving young woman continuing to a 4-year college. The Kinder gift cards sell for \$20 each and they do not expire. Kinder's gift cards make great Holiday gifts for family, friends, your hairdresser, yourself, and those who help you around the house. You can contact Gayle Miner, Claudia Bass, or Carolynn Barcklay to purchase Kinder's gift cards. Again, your continued support is truly appreciated.

~ Gayle Miner and Carolynn Barcklay, Co-VPs

# Proposed Budget

At the Brunch meeting we will be voting on the proposed budget. The proposed budget is shown below.

Thank you to Carlyn Obringer, Sherrie Moore, Sarah-Joy Haynes, Diane Peterson, and Nancy Hobert for helping to develop the proposed budget. And thanks to those who gave me input when needed.

~ Claudia Bass

## AAUW Pleasant Hill—Martinez Branch

### Proposed Budget

**2025-2026**

#### Revenue:

Membership Dues	\$1,586.00
Ads	\$50.00
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Total Revenue	\$1,636.00

#### Expenses:

Directory	\$250.00
Hospitality	\$50.00
Insurance *	\$500.00
Membership	\$25.00
Program	\$500.00
Website *	\$127.00
Sunshine	\$0.00
State Registrations *	\$75.00
Unexpected Expenses	\$109.00
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Total Expenses	\$1,636.00

**Note:** State Registrations comprises \$25.00 charity, \$30.00 raffle, and \$20 certified postage.



## Tech Trek Tidings

Tech Trek 2025 was better than ever for our campers, staff, and volunteers. Thank you all for

contributing and supporting this “amazing, awesome, inspirational, memorable, fun and intriguing experience. “

Our six campers were part of the ninety girls representing 16 branches that attended Camp Franklin. The core classes at Sonoma for 2025 were Aerospace Engineering, Botany, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, and Forensics. All campers learned how to solder and make a flashlight, do coding with a STEM Lingo Robotics kit. They participated in many more workshops and evening activities. I hope you can make it to the Welcome Back Brunch and hear more from our Tech Trekkers, when they share their camp experiences and highlights from the week at Sonoma State.

Here are a few statistics from Tech Trek 2025 state wide: There were eight in-person camps at campuses across the state.; 700 campers completed in-person, 53 completed virtual.; 105 branches and organizations sponsored attendees across the state; over 450 volunteers contributed over 20,000 hours of their time; about half were former Trekkers!

Going forward, we are developing a Tech Trek Alumnae Community. Many other branches are working with their alumni by getting together virtually and in person, continuing the STEM momentum and friendships from camp. Sanvi Panda, Trekker from 2022, has been helping me with this project. We are looking for another member or two to join us and be an advisor for the group. Please contact me if you are interested. I am proposing we also connect with IBC local branches, some already have an active TTAG (Tech Trek Alumni Group).

~ Diane Coventry





## Notes from Tech Trek Campers



*"The Russian River field trip was a good way to learn about water conservation. I have enjoyed bonding with girls my age that enjoy the same things I do." ~Olivia*

*"Professional Women's Night was a real good opener, and it showed me that there are so many ways to reach your dream." ~Anika*



*"Without Tech Trek I would have to wait a few years to learn about chemistry, plus we aren't just taking notes, we are doing hands-on activities and experiments." ~Natalia*

*"I gained so much knowledge and am very appreciative that I was chosen to come to Tech Trek. I am grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." ~Sydney*



*"I learned a lot of new things, like making a flashlight and soldering. It was fun and I got to meet a lot of new people which was really cool." ~Alicia*

*"This is a very memorable experience and I would love to come back someday as a Junior Counselor." ~Jessica*

*"Seeing women who are passionate about STEM makes me hopeful for the things I can do." ~ From camp survey*

### SUNSHINE

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

Marti Martin

[richmar1016@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richmar1016@sbcglobal.net) or 925-229-3574



## Morning Books

Morning Books will meet on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will meet at 10 A.M. at Margi Alkire's to discuss *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Lunchin' Ladies

Lunchin' Ladies will meet on Monday, September 15 at 11:30 A.M. (note time change for this month) at Sherry's, 611 Gregory

Lane, PH, in the Zio Fraedo's building next to Walgreens. Be sure to reserve your spot with Gayle Miner before September 8<sup>th</sup>, which is one week before the luncheon on the 15<sup>th</sup>. No reservations will be accepted after the 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg will meet on Friday, September 19 at 12:30 PM at

Brookview Clubhouse. Newbies are welcome too!

Be sure to let Suzanne Salter ([seabear92020@outlook.com](mailto:seabear92020@outlook.com) or 925-988-0322) know if you are coming.



## Wine Appreciation Group

The next Wine Appreciation Group meeting will be Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M. at Diane Peterson's house. We will learn a little about and taste Lambrusco, a red sparkling wine from Italy. Please let Diane know if you want to attend.

~ Diane Peterson



## Nimble Fingers

Nimble Fingers will meet on Monday, September 22, at 2:30, at Karen Winters' home.

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting, chatting, admiring each other's work, and possibly learning a new skill.

Please let Janet or Karen know you're coming.

Janet: 925-387-8039

[janetsullivan218@aol.com](mailto:janetsullivan218@aol.com)

Karen: 925-408-5721

[karen.winters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karen.winters@sbcglobal.net)



## Grand Slammers

Bridge Club - For information, contact Marlene De Laurenti:

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



## 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



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## WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

Please join us

**Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 10 A.M.**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

**1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill**

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 5<sup>th</sup> by sending a check  
made out to **AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**  
to **Diane Peterson, 534 Roanoke Dr., Martinez, CA 94553**







## AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez November 2025 Program

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 A.M.

Place: First Congregational Church of Martinez  
1229 Court Street, Martinez

Speaker: County Registrar Kristin Connelly



Kristin will discuss voter outreach, the mapping prejudice project, and the newly scheduled November election.

Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.



## KINDER'S Gift Card ORDER FORM

Gift Card sales help our branch give a DVC student a \$1,000 scholarship to a 4-year college.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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 September 13 to October 22, 2025. 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)

For Mail Order Form, mail to: Gayle Miner, 125 Price Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Gayle will deliver or mail your Gift Cards to you upon receiving your check. Your check must be in by October 18, 2024.

**NOTE:** You can also call Gayle Miner (925) 788-3272 cell, Claudia Bass (925) 372-8679 hm. or (925) 348-1958 cell, or Carolyn Barcklay (925) 323-8229 cell to request Kinder's Gift Cards. They are the only people who have Kinder's Gift Cards to sell.

Kinder's Gift Cards will also be for sale at the Welcome Brunch and various AAUW meetings and activities starting September 13 and ending October 22.

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

## PHM AAUW Calendar

- Sept 3** Morning Books, 10 A.M., Margie Pruitt's
- Sept 5** Deadline to reserve/pay for Welcome Back Brunch
- Sept 10** Board Meeting, 7 P.M., at SarahJoy's
- Sept 13** Welcome Back Brunch, 10 A.M., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- Sept 15** Lunchin' Ladies, 11:30 A.M., at Sherry's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill
- Sept 16** Ways and Means Committee meeting, 10 A.M., Brookview Clubhouse
- Sept 19** Mah Jongg, 12:30 P.M., Brookview Clubhouse
- Sept 19** Wine Club, 4 P.M., Diane Peterson's
- Sept 22** Nimble Fingers, 2:30 P.M., Karen Winters'
- Sept 25** October NEWS deadline
- Oct 1** Morning Books, 10 A.M., Margi Alkire's

## 2025–26 Leadership Team

### President 1 (Board Meeting Chair):

SaraJoy Haynes

### President 2 (General Meeting Chair):

Sherrie Moore

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Reba Siero

### Vice President—Program:

Carlyn Obringer

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Nancy Hobert & Diane Peterson

### Vice Presidents—AAUW Fund:

Carolynn Barcklay & Gayle Miner

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