



## Pleasant Hill Branch N.E.W.S.

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

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**LAST MINUTE  
NEWS  
FLASH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE EF SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER  
CALL Suzanne (945-0347), Lynn (935-2109), or Alana (933-4427) NOW!!**

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## SUNNE WRIGHT MCPEAK TO ADDRESS PHAAUW



Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
Hillcrest Congregational Church  
404 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill  
7PM

Formerly a member of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, president of the California State Association of Counties, president and chief executive officer of the Bay Area Economic Forum, president and chief executive officer of the Bay Area Council, secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency under Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and NOW serving as president and chief executive officer of the California Emerging Technology Fund, Sunne Wright McPeak is one of the most successful women in California in the area of public service. Lisa Vorderbrueggen of the Contra Costa Times recently asked her if she was planning a run for governor.

Come to our April meeting and learn how she came to a time in her life when she would be asked that question. Hear about her latest project, the California Emerging Technology Fund, a \$60 million industry-funded initiative to bring digital broadband into rural towns and poor schools across the state. Ask questions about what she sees in her future.



## Presidential Team Report

This month our Pleasant Hill AAUW is offering two outstanding chances for you to be an informed member of AAUW, your community and the larger global community.

On Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, our general meeting will feature Sunne Wright McPeak as our speaker. Sunne was once on the P. H. Planning Commission, was a member of PH AAUW, and a Contra Costa County Supervisor. She worked closely with several of our members on the Peripheral Canal issue. She was President and CEO of the Bay Area Council and she served as Gov. Schwarzenegger's Secretary of the California Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. Currently she is President and CEO of California Emerging Technology Fund. Don't miss this dynamic speaker!

The other event is our California State AAUW Convention happening right in our backyard ~ the San Ramon Marriott Hotel. Legislative updates, Speech Trek winners, a reunion for Tech Trek girls/women, elections, celebrations of various branch projects, speakers galore ~ this convention has it all. So, plan to SOAR (Significance, Outreach, Advocacy, Reinvention) on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> through early afternoon on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your board has okayed payment of all registrations for up to \$160. This is your chance to meet other women from all over the state who share your goals and ideals. Don't miss this opportunity! See your recent copy of Perspective to register, or go online at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

### The Team

#### Board Notes - March 10

*The Martinez Branch will transfer funds to PHAAUW account and remain a line item in the budget*

*Dues are now due for 2010-2011*

*Board approved that any member who attends convention will be reimbursed \$160 for registration*



**Congratulations to the following elected officers for 2010-2011:**

#### **Presidential Team:**

- Marlene Maksel & Jean Hambleton

#### **Program V.P.s**

- Jeannette Holmes & Ginny Hargrave

#### **Membership V.P.s**

- Suzanne Salter & Marti Martin

#### **AAUW Funds - EF**

- Open

#### **AAUW Funds - LAF**

- Kathy Searles

#### **Secretary**

- Gayle Garrison

#### **Treasurer**

- Marilyn Tubbs  
Submitted by Shirlee Thompson,  
Parliamentarian



### 2009-2010 Leadership Team

#### **Presidents:**

Jean Hambleton	798-2344
Ginny Hargrave	798-2370
Marlene Maksel	689-5439

#### **Vice President Program:**

Waiting for volunteer

#### **Vice President's - EF:**

Alana MacDonald	933-4427
Lynn Murphy	935-2109
Suzanne Rheingruber	945-0347

#### **Vice President's Membership:**

Margi Alkire	827-2940
Suzanne Salter	935-0861

#### **Vice President - LAF:**

Victoria Maat	933-4432
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#### **Secretary:**

Gayle Garrison	798-7528
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#### **Treasurer:**

Marilyn Tubbs	939-6220
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#### **Newsletter Editor:**

Kit Hein	228-7503
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AAUW Help Line: 800/326-AAUW

#### **CA AAUW Office**

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Web Page: [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org)

#### **IBC Chair:**

Kit Hein  
Email: [kjhein@comcast.net](mailto:kjhein@comcast.net)

Copy deadline for January N.E.W.S. is December 15th.

Please send copy to Kit Hein  
533 Roanoke Dr., Martinez  
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SOAR with AAUW-CA



Celebrating our

**S**ignificance

**O**utreach

**A**dvocacy

**R**einvention

vendors galore on  
Friday and  
Saturday

1<sup>st</sup> time ever: each  
attending member  
gets one vote

Come SOAR at our 89th AAUW-CA State Convention Celebrating Our Significance, Outreach, Advocacy, Reinvention! We will SOAR April 30- May 2, 2010 in San Ramon, California at the beautiful San Ramon Marriott.

See all the convention details on our AAUW CA website: [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org)

Because PHAAUW members live so close, daily carpooling can be arranged or you can reserve your room at the San Ramon Marriott, call 925-867-9200 to request the AAUW CA rate of \$89.

**The PHAAUW board has voted to pay \$160 toward registration for every branch member who attends.**

Highlights of the weekend include a "Soaring Over AAUW- CA" Reception celebrating branches' accomplishments including the Meet and Greet for the Candidates running for the AAUW-CA Board. The ever popular Speech Trek Breakfast, three sessions of Informative and Educational Workshops, A Legislative Lunch Plenary and the "Celebrating AAUW Funds" Gala. The opening Business Session will highlight Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW National Chief of Strategic Advancement.

AAUW CA's bylaws have been amended so that each member attending the state convention will have one vote for each officer and director candidate. Candidates statements and vitas may be viewed at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org).

Sunday introduces the newest State Program - Financial Literacy - with a keynote by Evelyn Dilsaver, the final business session with Installation of Officers and the Closing Luncheon keynote speaker Ann O'Leary, Co-Editor of the Shriver Report.


**DON'T MISS THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.  
SEE YOU IN SAN RAMON!**

## INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



### \*\* BRIDGE

**Monday Night – April 5**, we will be playing at the home of Alvera Welsh, 3141 Golden Rain Road, #5, Walnut Creek. 7pm. Call Alvera (930-6238) for directions.

**The Grand Slammers**  will play bridge on the second Monday.....April 12 at the home of Kathy Searles at 12:30. Call Gayle Garrison 798-7528 if you would like to play. Each player contributes \$3.00 to local scholarship fund. It is a fun group and welcomes players of all levels.



**MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, 7 April, 10 am, at Shirlee Thompson's. Our discussion will be on any book by Jack London ~ the library has a nice selection of his works. We are planning a field trip to his former home in the Valley of the Moon in Sonoma County on Tuesday April 27th, also. It will be a full day, leaving probably around 9:30 am, touring the museum and the remains of his "Wolf House," ~ followed, of course, by lunch in Glen Ellen. In May we will be reading Stieg Larrson's *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. Please join us for great book discussions.



**IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at Ginny Hargrave's. Our topic will be, "If I Had the Power to Change Something, I Would Change . . ." Fiction is always acceptable and this topic might all be fictional, so rev up your imagination. We hope to see you ~ come and listen if you can't write anything.



**Nimble Fingers** will meet at the home of Sarah Dunlop on Thursday April 8th at 10:00 . We'll take a tour of Sarah's home and view all of the fine china pieces she has produced. Her artistry has won her many awards. Please call or email Janet Sullivan for directions to Sarah's home.  
\_jspringsullivan@aol.com\_  
(mailto:jspringsullivan@aol.com) or 925-935-6340



**EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday 26 April, 7 pm, at Lynn Murphy's. We will be discussing *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. The book has been on the best-seller list for many weeks and features 13 complex human narratives that all revolve around Olive Kitteridge. Please come!



**MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, 22 April. **REMEMBER**, we meet on the **fourth** Thursday of the month. Call Marlene (689.5439) if you are planning to attend, or if you have any good suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.

### SAM

Mary McGhee plans to begin the third and final Student Art & Music program (SAM) at Fair Oaks for this school year on April 12 through April 23. Students will draw Charlie Brown cartoons while listening to related music. Classes are planned Monday thru Thursday 9 or 10 AM and on Fridays at 1:00 pm. Classes usually last one hour. As usual, we need PHAAUW volunteers to make these classes special. Teacher sign ups will begin soon. Please plan your schedule to be able to assist on any of these days. Call Mary McGhee @ 284-4974 or Marilyn Tubbs @ 939-6220 for information.

## Membership Matters

Margi Alkire and Suzanne Salter

Sad news from our good member, Sandra Wolfe. Her husband, Dick Wolfe, died after an accident on a Panamanian cruise. Our deepest sympathy to her. Dick was always a supporter of our Branch, and he and Sandra just recently hosted a Tech Trek theater party.

Congratulations to Kit Hein on the birth of her new grandson, Westen, on Feb.24.

Correction to directory: Bea Moore – 820-4871

***Yes, Of course I want to renew my membership in Pleasant Hill AAUW.***

**\$83.00 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011**

**\$49 National --\$46 is tax deductible**

**\$16 AAUW-CA**

**\$18 Pleasant Hill Branch**

- ✓ **You may pay by check (made out to PH AAUW)**

**Mail to: Suzanne Salter,  
275 Appalachian Dr.  
PH 94523**

or

- ✓ **Credit card at:  
AAUW.org - Member Center  
log in with your membership  
number, go to renew...etc.  
Note: If you pay on-line, let  
Suzanne know  
([seabear2@msn.com](mailto:seabear2@msn.com))**

**Also, this is the time to make donations to the Barbara Newachek Fund. Just send a check to Suzanne.**

### **START \$SMART**

**A special program AAUW CA will begin in May. Training trainers to present workshops for college women on how to negotiate that first salary – and more! If you are interested contact your branch presidents or Bakula Manair at [financialliteracydir@yahoo.com](mailto:financialliteracydir@yahoo.com)**

## **Membership (con.)**

**(to make sure our records are correct, please fill in this form)**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want included:

Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Any changes to your educational information? \_\_\_\_\_



### **More Convention News**

AAUW CA will join with Wardrobe for Opportunity to collect good condition, used professional clothing to be donated to needy individuals going for job interviews. All members who are coming to convention are asked to bring a donation. San Ramon Branch of AAUW has been working with this impressive organization that provides training and clothing to low income job seekers. Additional information can be obtained from Joy Perkins, President of San Ramon Branch, at [joyperkins@comcast.net](mailto:joyperkins@comcast.net) or 925-838-2647

See you at Convention



## Connecting with Community

Jill Anderson

Free E-Waste Collection Event-Sat., April 3rd  
Don't know what to do with that old computer,  
monitor, or TV?

Drop them off at one of our FREE E-Waste  
Collection Events Diablo Valley College  
321 Golf Club Road Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
Overflow Parking Lot #7 Across from Main  
Campus  
(866) 335-3373     [www.noewaste.com](http://www.noewaste.com)

### Diablo Valley College

Thurs., April 15th 8:00 PM  
Performing Arts Center  
DVC Jazz Unplugged with the Night Jazz Band  
and Jazz Ensemble Ticket prices are \$7.00  
advance \$10.00 at the door

### Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Literary Women  
Presentations by four authors-lunch and  
conversation  
Carolina De Robertis, Romney Steele, Shawna  
Yang Ryan, Susan Wels  
Pleasant Hill Community Center 9:30-3:30  
\$43.00 Call 676-5200

### Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday April 21 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
April Mixer & Ribbon Cutting  
Join the PH Chamber for the April 2010 Mixer  
& Ribbon Cutting  
for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. featuring  
"Women of Influence"  
Back Forty Steakhouse, in upstairs room, 100  
Coggins Dr.

### Pleasant Hill Community Foundation

Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunvalley Golf  
Classic  
Contra Costa Country Club  
Proceeds provide youth grants from PHCF  
Interested golfers or sponsors please call Bob  
Berggren 925-687-8610

## AAUW – The Organization

Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Director of Public Policy  
and Government Relations and top policy  
adviser is coming to California at the end of  
March. Members will have an opportunity to  
meet her and hear her speak at several  
gatherings in and around the Bay Area.

On Sunday, 3/28 Lisa will be in San Jose.

There will be a reception from 1-2pm at the  
branch's headquarters house, 1165 Minnesota  
Ave, San Jose. The reception will be followed  
by a Q&A session from 2-4 at the Willow Glen  
Library which is next door. Contact Linda  
Snashall at [lsnashall@comcast.net](mailto:lsnashall@comcast.net)

Monday 3/29 Lisa will be in Napa from 6p.m.-  
8:30pm. at Napa General Store, 540 Main  
Street, Napa 707-259-0762. Buffet Dinner of  
Classic Caesar Salad with croutons, baked  
Penne Arrabiata with Italian Sausage,  
Rustic Italian Garlic Bread, Dessert of Bread  
Pudding with Champaign-soaked raisins and  
lemon sauce. No host wine bar.  
Send check of \$25 to Beth Bywater, 1700  
Trower Ave. Napa CA 94558 Make  
checks payable to AAUW Napa County  
Branch. Reservation deadline 3/24

On Tuesday morning 3/30 Lisa will be with  
Berkeley Branch at Northbrae Community  
Church from 9am to 10:30am for "An Intimate  
conversation with AAUW 's top policy advisor,  
Lisa Maatz", 914 The Alameda, Berkeley, Ca  
Contact Lorelei Self phone 510-528-3284 or  
[Loreleiself@yahoo.com](mailto:Loreleiself@yahoo.com)

Later Tuesday she will be Sacramento at 6p.m,  
location to be set. Contact persons are Marty  
McKnew [martymcknew@comcast.net](mailto:martymcknew@comcast.net) Or Sue  
Miller at [suellen-aauw@wavecable.com](mailto:suellen-aauw@wavecable.com)

# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Monday Night Bridge	6	7 Morning Books	8 Nimble Fingers	9	10
11	12 SAM Grand Slammers	13 SAM	14 SAM In Indelible Ink Board	15 SAM	16	17
18	19 SAM	20 SAM	21 SAM Sunne McPeak	22 SAM Matinee Idle	23	24
25	26 Evening Books	27	28	29	30 AAUW CA CONVENTION	AAUW CA CONVENTION



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Martinez 94553

**Membership – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW is open to all graduates of two year accredited colleges with AA degrees and/or accredited four year colleges or universities. In principle and practice AAUW values and supports diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.**