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AAUW GRAND FINALE

Saturday, June 2

10 am

Brookview Clubhouse
1201 Monument Blvd



It has been another wonderful full year for AAUW, and we all deserve a pat on the back for our efforts! We hope you will help us end the right way as we recognize and celebrate...

- the presentation of scholarship awards to the winners from Alhambra and College Park High Schools
- the presentation of summer science camp awards to the Tech Trek girls from Martinez and Pleasant Hill Middle Schools
- the Installation of the new Pleasant Hill/Martinez AAUW Board

Please join us for this celebration and to meet these talented young women. Share a delicious continental breakfast with old and new friends as well. We'll see you there!

S. A. M.

Fair Oaks completed their Student Art and Music volunteer program the first week in April. Students made non kiln clay objects, allowed them to dry for a week, and then painted them with acrylic paint. Students were exposed to Camille Saint-Saens Carnival of the Animals to help them with images of different animals.

Mary McGhee, program coordinator, wishes to thank AAUW members and friends for volunteering their time to make this project possible.

Volunteers included Muriel Fry, Trinka March, Marlene Maksel, Pat Sharkey, Alana MacDonald, Lynn Murphy, Bea Ball, Sherrie Moore, Shelley Jacobson, Ish & George Mendonsa, & Marilyn & Clint Tubbs.





Il Messaggero

Can you believe it's already May?? Where has this year gone??

I do know that we can be extremely proud of all of our accomplishments. With Trinka in charge of Tech Trek we'll be sending 4 middle-school girls to the Math/Science Program in Sonoma this summer. Great job, Trinka!!

Elva & Ish have done an incredible job with scholarships and, with their committee, have selected 4 high school senior girls to each receive a \$1000 Scholarship for college. I must add that all of you have helped make this happen with your very generous donations.

Ginny Hargrave & Marlene Maksel are working diligently to update our by-laws with the mandatory changes by the May 15th deadline. Great job Ladies!!

I was happy to see many of you attending "Once Upon a Mattress", at Alhambra High School. Money earned from this event goes into our Tech Trek Program for next year. Thank you Trinka & Pat Harris for arranging for us to attend.

Don't forget to calendar two of our very special summer events. The first is Saturday morning, June 2nd when our Tech Trek and scholarship recipients will attend. We will also have our installation of officers for 2012-2013. You must also save July 21st for our annual summer social at Nancy Hobert's. It will be a great time to just relax and chat. You will find more information on both of these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at most, if not all, of these events.

Ciao and Amore, Kathy and Marilyn

NEXT N.E.W.S. is 2 Months

Please remember that the next issue of our N.E.W.S. is for July and August. If you have any activities or announcements for either month you must submit them by June 15. And if you are one who waits anxiously for each issue, you will have to wait through the month of August before you get the next one 😊

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BOARD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

We will have our next Board Meeting on May 16th at the Rolling Green Club House.

Muriel Fry has graciously offered to conduct a Voter Registration Training at 6:30 p.m. (before the Board Meeting). Anyone interested in learning how you can help on Voter Registration, plan to attend at 6:30. That is the goal behind the AAUW Action Fund's new voter education and turnout campaign, [It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard](#) – to increase the number of women who go to the polls in November.

You are all always welcome to attend our Board meetings which start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Elena Noble and Marilyn Tubbs will also give a mini presentation on the Smart Start Workshop they attended in Hayward. Muriel will do a brief overall presentation of the State AAUW Convention.

This should really get you inspired in our AAUW.

LAF THANKS YOU

Forty bridge and Mexican Train players came to have fun and support the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW. Muriel Fry and Lucille Richey sent a donation. We all can be grateful for the generous planning of Gayle Garrison, Ish Mendonza, Elizabeth DiPietro, the baking of Joy Barden and Shelly Jacobson and for those who carpooled.

The third annual Bridge and game afternoon netted \$339 for AAUW FUNDS (LAF). My thanks goes to all of you and Kathy Searls for her detailed notes on last year's event. Hope you will join us next year for an even better time.

Patricia Harris
AAUW Funds (LAF) VP

Pleasant Hill- Martinez AAUW



Website

Check out our Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW website. Just go to <http://www.aauw-ph.org>. We have added many photos from the Festa last Fall, our Layette Shower in December, the Soup Supper in January, and the LAF Game Day in March.

Locate your picture on the Members page and make sure that our information about you is correct. You can find the current officers and past presidents.

We have copies of our most recent newsletter as well as all of the previous ones. You can see the latest information about our local programs. We list all of the interest groups, when they meet, and who to contact.

See pictures of our local scholarship and Tech Trek winners. Look at the clay projects the students have made from the SAM program. Any questions or comments that you may have can be forwarded to the webmaster located on the About Us page.

Marilyn Tubbs and Sherrie Moore

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**BRIDGE

Evening Bridge – Monday night evening bridge
May 7th, 7P, at Jean De Gregory's.

June 4 at Eileen Bordenave's.
Contact Elizabeth DiPietro (210-0281).



Grand Slammers - May 14, 12:30 at the home of Marilyn Tubbs. Call Gayle Garrison if you would like to play.

June 11, 12:30pm call Elizabeth DiPietro if you would like to play.....each player contributes \$3.00 for Local Scholarships.



Marathon Bridge End of the year Potluck luncheon (Salads, Desserts)
Saturday, June 30, 12N - 4 PM at Brookview Clubhouse. Prizes for the year will be given out, \$40 for 1st prize per couple, \$20 for 2nd prize; we'll play 'regular party bridge' after lunch. Each participant pays \$2.00 for use of the clubhouse. Please RSVP (**asap**) to Elizabeth DiPietro 210-2081 or e-mail [e_jdipietro@att.net](mailto:ejdipietro@att.net)



** **MORNING BOOKS** will meet on **Wednesday, May 2nd, 10 am**, at Sherrie Moore's, 2279 Arcadia Court, Martinez, 229-4177. We will be discussing *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. This has a local touch as the protagonist is a physician in San Francisco and discovers she cannot have children. The story is about that discovery and where it leads. Please join us for a great discussion!

Wednesday, June 6th, 11:30 am, at Sandy Wolfe's. Signups for salads/desserts will be taken at the May meeting. PLEASE call Sandy (228-2633) if you are planning to attend. We won't be discussing a book, but we might have a Quiz!! Please come!



** **IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday, May 9th**, 10 am, at Marti Martin's. Our theme will be about "flowers" ~ maybe you grow beautiful flowers; or can't even keep a bouquet alive for more than 2 days; or you have a special connection with certain flowers. Whatever your relationship to flowers, I'm sure you have a story to tell. We would love to hear that story and we like hearing oral versions, too! We don't critique your writings, so there is no pressure. Please come!

Wednesday, June 13th, 11:30 am, at a restaurant to be selected later. There will be no writing topic, so everyone is invited to attend. Please call Marlene (689-5439) if you are attending though, so reservations can be made. This is our last meeting until September.



** **EVENING BOOKS** will meet on **Monday, May 21st**, 6 pm, at Lemongrass Restaurant in Martinez ~ on Main St. We will not be reading a book ~ just socializing and planning for September, as this will be the last meeting for the summer. If you would like to join us, please let Marlene (689-5439) know so reservations can be made.

No meeting in June



** **MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on **Thursday, May 24th**. We usually attend a matinee at a local theatre. Call Marlene (689.5439) if you are planning to attend, or if you have any suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.

Thursday, June 28th Call Marlene if you are planning to attend, or if you have a good suggestion for a movie. We WILL continue to meet during the summer.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS (con.)



** GENEALOGY

Oakland Family History Center has a regular schedule of classes. Check out the website www.oaklandfhc.org

Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street,
Sacramento - Telephone: 916-264-2920 - Website:
www.saclibrary.org

Sun., May 6 - 1:30-3 p.m. "American Migration Trails: Eastern United States" - Dr. Melinda Kashuba

National Archives, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA - Telephone: 650-238-3484
Website:
<http://www.archives.gov/pacific/archives/sanfrancisco/workshops.html>

There are workshops May 11, June 8, July 20 and August 17.

Kay Ernst has attended these workshops and they are fantastic. Check the website and try to go to at least one.



**BOOK EXCHANGE

1st CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2012 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

Please call Mary Hanlon @ 934-3528 with your selected title and author PRIOR to purchasing your book.

There have been 2 to 3 Exchange Groups for the past few years. Don't miss out! (You can purchase 2 or 3 books to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!)

"NEW" INTEREST SECTIONS What interests you???



Everyone loves to go to lunch. Would anyone be interested in a **LUNCH OUT** interest section?? Just once a month ~ we could even have a topic to discuss, or we could just socialize.



Everyone needs more exercise. Would anyone be interested in a **WALKING** interest section?? Just once, or maybe twice, a month ~ on a trail that is easily accessible and close by.



Everyone loves to go to museums. Would anyone be interested in a monthly **MUSEUM TOUR**?? There are many within easy driving distance ~ others might necessitate public transportation, or some volunteer to drive.

Email Marlene Maksel, marlene@maksiel.us if you are interested in any of these ideas and we will try to get a group started. You can phone at 689-5439. also.

Membership Matters

Reba Siero (925) 228-8211 rebasiero@yahoo.com
Marti Martin (925) 229-3574 richmar1016@sbcglobal.net

Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. -- Gathering for new and potential members. We will be having a gathering at Marti Martin's home in Martinez (1653 Sunhill Court) for our newest members and potential members. If you have a neighbor, friend, family member or colleague who you think would be a great member of our group, we would encourage you to invite her to attend this evening gathering. If they have an AA, BA, or higher degree and support our mission of advocacy and education for girls and women, they may find that our branch would be a good fit. You can reach Marti at 229-3574 or richmar1016@sbcglobal.net or Reba at 228-8211 or rebasiero@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.



We have two new members. Please add their information to your directories:

Margaret (Margie) Pruitt
10 W. Hayward Court
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 372-8789 home
(925) 899-8762 cell
mlpruitt@comcast.net

Margie received a BA in English and her teaching credential from Chico State.

Sara Tancredy
1407 Rolling Hill Way
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Sara attended UC Berkeley and St. Mary's College, receiving an MA in Education.

 MARGIE & SARA!

It's that time of year again – time to renew your membership in Pleasant Hill AAUW.

The good news – the price is still the same: \$83 from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. It breaks down to:
\$49 National (\$46 is tax deductible)
\$16 California AAUW
\$18 Pleasant Hill Branch.

You may pay by check (made out to PH AAUW) and mail it to:

Reba Siero
836 Westview Court
Martinez, CA 94553

Or you may pay by credit card at:

www.aauw.org- Member Center

Log in with your membership number, go to renew, etc. If you do pay online, please let Reba know at rebasiero@yahoo.com

Also, this is the time to make donations to the Barbara Newachek Fund. Just send a separate check to Reba for that.

(to make sure our records are correct, please fill in this form and send it with your check. This is what will appear in the membership directory.)



Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Do you want included:

Cell phone _____

Email address: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Any changes to your educational information?

Community

PLEASANT HILL

Marlene Maksel

Saturday, May 5th ~ Farmers's Market opens in Pleasant Hill. The new location will be on the plaza between Jack's and Sweet Tomatoes. The hours are from 9 am until 1 pm ~ an hour longer than last year.



Wednesday, May 16th ~ Chamber of Commerce Mega Mixer at La Tapatia in Martinez on Main St. from 4 to 7 pm. Call 687-0700 to make reserve your spot.

May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20th ~ Moliere's "Tartuffe" (The Imposter) at DVC's Arena Theatre. Tickets are available by calling 687-4445.



MARTINEZ

Harriett Burt

May 2 6 to 9 p.m. at Roxx on Main Fundraiser for the Franklin Canyon Mural project by New Leaf at Vincente Martinez High School. Silent auction, live music, food, drinks and original student art. Tickets \$35 per person benefiting the mural project by students. Contact: Larena Castillo (925)228-9232 or lcastillo@martinez.k12.ca.us

May 5 2-3 p.m. Martinez Veterans Memorial Hall – 930 Ward Street, Martinez
Martinez Historical Society program – Pat Seaman – the History of Kaleidoscopes featuring her outstanding collection with opportunities to examine them. Free – Refreshments will be served



May 6 5 – 9 p.m. Lemongrass Bistro, 5—Main Street, Martinez Martinez Music Boosters Spring Fling Dinner and Auction. \$40 per person. Casey Rasmussen White – (925)285-3803

May 11 – 6-9 p.m. Martinez Arts Association Open Studio Reception at I've Been Framed art and frame shop - free

May 12-13 Martinez Arts Association Open Studio. Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A chance to see a variety of artists and their work in their own homes and studios around Martinez. For details: www.martinezopenstudios.org

May 19 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Martinez Peddler's Faire along Main Street and selected side streets.

May 19 at 7 p.m. May 20 at 2 p.m. Martinez Opera presents "The Barber of Seville" at Martinez Junior High School. Tickets \$45 per person at www.mtzo.com



May 26 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park grand opening. 1414 Harbor Way South, Oil House. (510) 232-5050 or www.nps.gov/rori

June 1 and each Friday evening during summer : Friday on the Main – music, car show, fun!

June 9, Dine with a Diva --- Martinez Opera fundraiser featuring great dinner and a wonderful program by a professional operatic singer. Go to www.mtzo.org for information and reservations or contact Gay Gerlack at gaygerlack@aol.com

June 9, An Affair to Remember -- Boys and Girls Club of Diablo Valley (incl. Martinez) 27th annual auction. Crown Plaza Hotel in Concord . For information and tickets contact Tuong Truong at ttruong@bgcdv.org

June 16-17 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days at Martinez Waterfront Park -- *King of the County BBQ* sponsored by Martinez Chamber of Commerce. Top flight regional barbeque, wine, beer drinks, lots of arts and It has become a destination for Fathers Admission and parking are free. Check www.countybbq.com



bands, great and soft crafts booths. regional Day.

AAUW – CA

* Elections 2012 *

Every members votes



Have you visited the Elections & Nominations page on the AAUW CA website YET? If you haven't, do it soon. It is important for all members to be familiar with the valuable information there. You can find out about the candidates running for office, read their bios and in some cases, even see a video campaign message.

In early May, **every member** will receive an email from AAUW CA with an access code and a link to vote. Members who do not have email or whose email "bounces" will receive a postcard with this information. **Every member will have the opportunity to vote**, either online or by submitting a paper ballot. Go to www.aauw-ca.org to see a PowerPoint presentation on the elections page.

ALL VOTING WILL END ON JUNE 1 AT 9:00 P.M . The results of the election will be available on our website within a day or so.

We need your help to make this process go smoothly:

1. Check the member services database at www.aauw.org to be sure your contact information is accurate.
2. Download the "How to Vote" PowerPoint presentation and learn how to vote. Find out about the candidates.
3. Ask your branch officers for help if you are not sure what to do. If you have questions about this process, please contact Shelley Mitchell , Elections Committee Chair.



* Convention Highlights *

All convention attendees please complete a simple 5 question online survey that will help AAUW CA bring you even better conventions in the future.

Type <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HDG9MWK> into your browser to take the survey.

Jane Roberts' convention workshop, Gender Inequality: A Moral Dilemma , was thought provoking about the connection between poverty, maternal well-being, and human trafficking. Go to the What's New blog on our website www.aauw-ca.org to learn more.

8 Students Lead Workshop at Convention in Santa Clara



• Anita Botello-Santoyo, a senior at UC Berkeley, shared her experiences as a national student leader to the AAUW Student Advisory Council advising AAUW staff about issues affecting students on campus.

• Ellen Thuy Le, a Tech Trek alum and student at Stanford University who attended the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) last June, told the 60 workshop attendees that her experience at NCCWSL changed her life.

• Rachel Baltazar, a De Anza College student is excited to receive a NCCWSL scholarship from the Sunnyvale-Cupertino branch to attend the conference in June.

• Five students from Mt. San Jacinto College in Menifee raised funds so they could attend state convention.



Jo Harberson raised \$10,000 at state convention for NCCWSL scholarships. For information and to register visit

www.nccwsl.org

The top five winners in this year's SPEECH TREK contest were announced at Convention in Santa Clara on Saturday, April 14, 2012. See the photo on the front page of our website www.aauw-ca.org .

1. Receiving first place (and \$1500) was Kyron Richard from Sacramento
2. second place (\$1000) went to Shelina Noorali from the Visalia Branch
3. Daisy Figueroa from the Fallbrook Branch placed third (\$500)
4. Fourth place went to Monika Aldabe from Sonora
5. Elizabeth Johnson from Big Bear Valley Branch received fifth place

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  CA-AAUW	2 <u>Morning Books</u> 	3	4 "Tartuffe" begins - DVC	5 PH Farmers' Market Opens
6 Genealogy Sac'to Library	7 <u>Evening Bridge</u> 	8	9 <u>In Indelible Ink</u> 	10	11 Genealogy San Bruno	12 Mtz. Arts Open Studio
13	14 <u>Grand Slammers</u> 	15	16 <u>Board Mtng for Everyone</u>	17	18	19 Mtz, Peddlers' Faire
20	21 <u>Evening Books</u> 	22	23	24 <u>Matinee Idle</u>  MEMBERSHIP GATHERING	25	26
27	28	29	30	31  CA-AAUW		

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mtz – "Friday on Main" begins	2 <u>PH-MTZ AAUW GRAND FINALE BRUNCH</u>
3	4 <u>Evening Bridge</u> 	5	6 <u>Morning Books</u> 	7	8 Genealogy San Bruno	9 Mtz – Dine with a Diva
10	11 <u>Grand Slammers</u> 	12	13 <u>In Indelible Ink</u> 	14	15	16 "King of the County" BBQ
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <u>Matinee Idle</u> 	29	30 <u>Marathon Bridge</u> <u>Potluck</u> 

SAVE THE DATE: July 21 - Summer Social (details in the July-Aug NEWS)