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March Program



NorCal Sisters in Crime - Author panel luncheon



Penny Warner



Ann Parker



Juliet Blackwell



Carole Price

Saturday, March 16th, 11:30 am

El Tapatio Restaurant
40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill

You can choose one lunch entrée item:

Taco, Tamale, Tostada, Enchilada, Chile Relleno or Burrito

The meal includes salsa and chips, salad, beans and rice,
tortillas, and a beverage

Hospitality will provide coffee and dessert

Seating is limited

The authors will be selling their books - cash or checks only

RSVP to Shelley Jacobson

shelley19@comcast.net or 930-9941

\$16 per person, Make your check payable to AAUWPHM

And mail by March 9th to:

Shelley Jacobson, 19 Amber Lane, Lafayette 94549

Sherrrie Moore and Shelley Jacobson, Program VPs



Il Messaggero

Co-Presidents Marilyn Thelen & Janice Walker

Few of us will have the opportunity to travel to New Orleans this June to attend AAUW's national convention. However, all of us have the opportunity to attend this year's first-ever state meeting being held on Saturday, April 20, in Sacramento at the State Capitol. AAUW California used to hold their own convention annually but now will only gather for a one day state business meeting during the biennial years of the national convention. Detailed information and a registration form are included in the winter 2013 edition of *California Perspective* which you should have recently received or you can go online to aauw-ca.org. Early registration which offers a discounted fee is available through March 20. Several branch members will be attending so there will be opportunities to carpool. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a dynamic day of viewing AAUW in action.

If you listened to President Obama's State of the Union address you heard him mention the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Paycheck Fairness Act. Both of these pieces of legislation have been supported by AAUW. On the day of the President's address the Senate had passed the VAWA and the bill was sent to the House, where passage is uncertain. By contacting your Representative and voicing your support of these bills you may be able to influence the vote. We have cast our ballots but the need continues to make our voices heard!

On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity we want to sincerely thank you! Our combined branches have a history of being generous in their monetary support of AAUW educational efforts and legal advocacy. Some years ago AAUW National combined the Educational Foundation (EF) and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) into AAUW Funds. In September, you received a letter requesting a contribution to AAUW Funds and you were able to designate the specific area you wanted your donation to be directed. As a result of that response and other fundraisers and donations, our branch contributed \$2500 to AAUW Funds in December. In January you were asked to support local scholarships and once again you rose to the occasion helping to ensure the branch's ability to offer four \$1000 scholarships to local high school graduates this June. In addition your ongoing support of fundraisers also aids our efforts to continue to send four middle school girls to Tech Trek each June. So pat yourself on the back and

know that you are making a difference locally and nationally!

In March we'll return to our own general meeting format with a "Sisters in Crime" luncheon on Saturday, March 16. More information is on the cover of this newsletter. Make your reservation now as space is limited. It will be an entertaining afternoon hearing from mystery writers and enjoying the company of friends along with delicious food. See you there!

Marilyn & Janice

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
Rolling Green Club House
7 PM

Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW

Website

Marilyn Tubbs and Sherrie Moore



Please look for the January Layette Shower photos on the Community Service Page. Not sure when or where the NorCal Sisters in Crime will be held this month? Check the Programs Page. Need to find the new Interest Groups added and the Chairperson to contact? Check the Programs page.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the About Us page.



Ways and Means Committee met in January to recommend the disbursement of the Festa monies. This year's festa in September earned approximately \$3,100.00, thanks to the hard work of Alana Macdonald and her committee.

W&M recommended that of this money: \$1,000 goes to Local Scholarships, \$1,500 to Tech Trek, and the remaining approximately \$600 goes to AAUW funds. The Board approved the recommendation. This division is for this year only and not binding on future years.

Margi Alkire



Membership Matters

Reba Siero and Elena Noble VP's



Our branch would like to welcome our newest member **Vivian Boyd**. Vivian has a Master's in Education and loves to read and travel.

Her address is:

100 Emerson Ct.

Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523

925-818-2312

vivianboyd@yahoo.com

Again, if you know of anyone interested in joining AAUW there is a bargain to be had. Anyone registering after the March 15th will get 15 months of membership for the price of 12. (\$83)

Please contact Reba or Elena and we will send them registration information.

Corrections and additions:

Laurel Gaiser's phone number is:

(925) 322-8676

Jean Hambleton's new contact:

2770 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasant Hill, #201

(925) 906-9092

The **Local Scholarships** donation envelopes were passed out at the Soup Supper in January, and the ones not given out were mailed. So everyone should have her donation envelope by now.

I want to remind you that the family of Susi Weight suggested that gifts in her memory be sent to Local Scholarships. If you want to designate your check to the memory of Susi Weight, just put Susi Weight on the information line. Susi was one of the founders of Local Scholarships, the first co-chair, and very enthusiastic about our AAUW money going to local girls.

We plan to give four \$1,000 scholarships this year: Two to girls from Alhambra High School and two to girls from College Park High School. We have raised money this year through working the elections, the 50/50 raffle at the Festa, the Grandslammers, and a share of the Festa profits. Thank you for your contributions.

Elva Valli, Local Scholarships Chair

SAVE THE DATE TECH TREK GOES TO THE THEATRE AGAIN!



FRIDAY, APRIL 19

ALHAMBRA HS PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE

Preceded by wine & cheese at the March's home

Makers: Women Who Make America

(a little "FYI" from Gretel Holit)

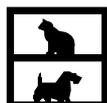
KQED 9: Tue, Feb 26, 2013 -- 8:00pm

This comprehensive and innovative series, built on an extraordinary archive of interviews, tells the story of one of the most sweeping social revolutions in America's history, as women asserted their rights to a full and fair share of political power, economic opportunity and personal autonomy.

Visit the program's official website:

<http://www.makers.com/>

April and May/June Programs



Wednesday, April 17th, 7 pm

Joan Morris - Contra Costa Times

Columnist

Brookview Clubhouse



June - End of the Year Brunch

Saturday, June 1st, 10:00 am - noon

Brookview Clubhouse

*Installation of new officers

*Honor Local Scholarship and

Tech Trek Camp girls

*Barbara Newachek award
presentation



For "Sunshine" cards, please let me know anyone who needs a card.

tarheel61@yahoo.com

Gayle Garrison
(925) 798-7528

\$tart \$mart

Elena Noble and Marilyn Tubbs

\$tart \$mart had a very good February. On February 23rd, Saint Mary's College hosted a workshop, facilitated by National WAGE Director Annie Houle that packed the house. Over 40 students and 12 staff members were trained on wage negotiation skills. Included in the facilitator training were staff members from Saint Mary's College, The Maritime Academy in Benicia, and an AAUW member. Also in attendance were a representative from the U S Department of Labor, Woman's Bureau San Francisco, and a retiree Of IBM.

Annie Houle at SMC \$tart \$mart Training



Our thanks go to Patty Bishop of SCM Career Center, and AAUW IBC Co-chairs of \$tart \$mart Elaine Groan (Concord) and Deana Vick Paulson (OML).

I am happy to report that we have high interest in the \$tart \$mart Training. We have made contact with DVC, CCC, and LMC, all of whom have responded positively in meeting with us to talk about how this class would benefit their student population. So once again, stay tuned for more updates on the program, and the students who will hear the message of equal pay for equal work.

By the way, our SMC had two male students in the workshop. Both said they were there to pass on the message to woman in their families.

SAVE THE DATE

Time is now to start preparing for Equal Pay Day, April 9, 2013. Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day where women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the year before. It takes almost four extra months each year, thanks to the wage gap.

This year's Equal Pay Day will be especially important, as 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act (originally passed in 1963).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's nominating committee has developed the following slate of candidates for **PH-MTZ AAUW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014.**

Presidential Team ~ Janice Walker & Kit Hein

Program VPs ~ Harriett Burt & Elena Noble

Membership VP ~ Gayle Miner

AAUW Funds ~ Laurel Gaiser & Marlene Maksel

Secretary ~ Helen Periera

CO-Treasurers ~ Kathy Heath & Jennifer Apkarian

The election will be held at the April General meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor with the prior approval of the nominee.

Nominating Committee: Kit Hein, Chair; Harriett Burt and Shelley Jacobson (alternate) representing the Board; Reba Siero, Bea Ball, Elva Valli, and Mary Westgate (alternate) representing the general membership.

California PERSPECTIVE Briefs

* AAUW CA Dues

The state board has approved two measures for the spring every-member ballot that will ensure our long-term fiscal health and provide the most effective and efficient governance design:

1. Amend the state bylaws to reduce the number of directors from 16 to 12.

2. Increase state dues by \$4, from \$16 to \$20.

If approved by the membership, both measures would go into effect July 1, 2013.

* Be sure to read about our **Annual Meeting on April 20.**

This is the first time ever that we have had an annual meeting without a convention! Complete information and registration form is in the *Perspective* and on the AAUW CA website.

*Public Policy Action Priorities, 2013-2015 This past fall, all members were invited to respond to a questionnaire to help AAUW CA set its legislative priorities for the next

Community

Pleasant Hill

Marlene Maksel

E-Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, March 2nd, 9 am to 1 pm
DVC on Golf Club Road in P. H.

Dine Out for Education

Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education earns a % of your bill when you eat at these locations:

- Magoo's on **March 5**
- Slow Hand BBQ on **March 12**
- Jack's on **March 19**
- Pasta Pomodoro on **March 26**

Any meal during the day: get coupon at www.fphe.org



TOYS, PUZZLES, GAMES, STUFFED ANIMALS

If you've got them, we need them!! The Student Store at Fair Oaks Elementary School, that is. Every other Thursday, at present, Mary McGhee runs a Student Store, assisted by her sister, Mary, Ish and George Mendonsa and Marlene Maksel.

Students earn "pats" for doing homework, good citizenship, good grades, etc. and they are able to "spend" those pats at the Student Store. We are in short supply of things for boys ~ we seem to have a lot of dolls. But, whatever toys you might have from grown children, grandchildren, or neighbors will be gratefully accepted.



Contact either Marlene (marlene@maksel.us) or Ish (imendonsa@pacbell.net) Thank you for your generosity!

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The Stratford at Countrywood Senior Living

Call 925-932-9910

Educational Webinar Screening and Lunch

Presented by Stanford School of Medicine and Stanford Geriatric Center (some corrections from last month)

Feb. 6 – Depression, Delirium and Dementia: Similarities and Differences

Feb. 20 – Optimizing Geriatric Drug Therapy: Some Basic Issues

March 6 – Using Interpreters with Dementia Patients

March 13 – Cultural Aspects of the Pharmacological Management of Dementia

May 8 – Culture, Home and Community Based Services for Dementia Patients

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Martinez

Harriett Burt

February 23: Third Blanket Power Bash sponsored by Soroptimist International of Martinez. They make "no-sew" fleece blankets for local foster children. Everyone is welcome to help. Please bring cutting board, rotary cutter or scissors if you have them. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Judy Moon (229-1413) or Dorothy Buffington (382-4316) or dotsold@comcast.net



March 2: Early Spring Book Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Martinez Library sponsored by the Friends of the



Martinez Library. One bag of books costs \$8 and two costs \$15. Lower level of Martinez Library, 740 Court Street across from Wakefield Taylor Court Building. Proceeds provide programs for children and adults.

March 14: Deadline for nominations for Martinez Citizens of the Year in the following categories: Lifetime Achievement, Young Man and Young Woman of the Year, Man and Woman of the Year, Educator of the Year and Service Without Borders to honor those who do not live within the city limits but who serve the community. (Kathy and John Searles won this award two years ago). For more details and to submit nominations, go to www.martinezchamber.com

March 28-31: Martinez Highway 680 and Highway 4. Carnival. Sponsored by the Martinez Chamber of Commerce. For information about hours, purchase of ride tickets in advance, go to www.martinezchamber.com



March 30: Annual Martinez Association SWAN Day Women Artists Now) sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Train Depot, Ferry Street and Pacific Train Tracks. Admission free.



April 13: Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner at the Martinez Event Center on Main Street from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information go to www.martinezchamber.com

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**BRIDGE

Evening Bridge – Monday, March 4th at Eileen Bordenave's 7PM I'll remind everyone!



Middle of the Road Bridge

We are not beginners anymore! If you are not a beginner or an expert this group is for you.

We meet at various members' homes on the second **Friday** of the month at **12:30**. We will play at the home of Pat Harris on **March 8th**. Call or email the hostess to RSVP.



Grand Slammers - Grand Slammers will play on **Monday, March 11 at 12:30**. Call or e-mail Gayle Garrison for location.



**MORNING BOOKS

will meet on **Wednesday, March 6th, 10 am**, at Brookview Clubhouse with Ish and Marlene as hostesses. We will be reading books by mystery writers Penny Warner, Juliette Blackwell, Ann Parker and Carol Price. In April, we will be reading *Wolf House* by Hilary Mantel. This is HUGE book, so get started early! Please join us for great discussions!



** WALKING WOMEN

will be walking on **Tuesday mornings at 9 am**, the **12th** and **26th**. On the 12th, we will meet on Center Avenue at Hidden Lakes Drive (south Martinez) and pick up the Canal Trail ~ going north. You will have to park on the street. On the 26th, we will repeat our walk going south on the Canal Trail starting at Oak Park Blvd. Again, you will have to park on the street. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel, if you are planning to be there so we won't go off without you!!!



** MATINEE IDLE

will go to the movies on **Thursday, March 28th**. 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.



** **CULTURAL CONNECTION** will not tour in March. In **April, Tuesday the 16th**, we will go to the Asian Museum in the City. If you are interested in seeing the Terra Cotta Soldiers, the fee for Seniors is \$16 ~ just regular entry is \$8 for Seniors. We will travel by BART, as the museum is just one block away from the Civic Center station. If you are interested in this section, please let Marlene Maksel know of your interest.



** **LUNCHIN' LADIES** will have lunch on **Friday, March 15th, 1 pm**, at Havana in W.C. at 1516 Bonanza. This is Cuban Cuisine, but there are milder offerings, too. Please call, or email, Marlene before the 12th so reservations can be made. Come with suggestions for other places to have lunch.



** **IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday, March 13, 10 am**, at Kay Ernst's. Our topic will be "How Today's Technology is Affecting Us." We would welcome a fictional event on the topic! And, we would love to hear YOUR story ~ oral versions, too! We don't critique your writings, so there is no pressure. Please come! I'll be leading other Interest Sections in eliminating FOOD at our meetings ~ just a little coffee and tea.



** **EVENING BOOKS** will meet on **Monday, March 25th, 7 pm**, at Marge Munger's. We will be discussing *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. The Boston Globe review said "Get ready to be won over ... Part love story, part fable, and a knockout debut." Sound intriguing? Please join us for a great discussion.



**GENEOLOGY

Mark your calendars ladies. Here are some great opportunities to expand your genealogy knowledge and have some fun while doing it.

Sat., April 20, 2013 - Sonoma County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring Barbara Renick www.sgs.org

Sat., May 4, 2013, - San Mateo County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring D. Joshua Taylor www.smcgs.org

May 8-11, 2013 - National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held at the LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

A SMILE SAID IT ALL (Summer, 2012)

Serial written by the members of
Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW
In Indelible Ink Interest Section

(Scene 6 -- Margi Alkire)

This is pretty crazy, she thought. Peter always hated the Wizard of Oz. Or, was that me? Did I hate it? What am I doing here?" I must have had too many martinis at lunch!

She swept down the hallway, which was no yellow brick road, just a hall with a yellow tape line which ended in a crowded waiting room. She could see no reporters or actors or movie crews -- just average, beaten-down looking New Yorkers. There was no sign of the jaunty, smiling, unstoppable Peter O'Toole.

"Look," she said to the frazzled receptionist. "I need to see Peter O'Toole. He was just brought in here. He's an old friend of mine. I was supposed to keep an eye on him at an event today."

The receptionist looked skeptical, and said, "Please have a seat, and I'll check."

Later she came back and beckoned to Judi. "Sorry," she said. "We have no Peter O'Toole in here."

Judi sat down, stunned. Suddenly down the hall came the young red-haired man with the blue/green eyes in the beautiful green shirt. He rushed over to her. "What a hunk," she thought, as she smiled up at him. But his smile didn't look as friendly as it did before. In fact, he looked a bit threatening...

"Come with me," he directed. "I'll take to you Peter, I mean to Mr. O'Toole."

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March 2013

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SAVE THE DATES: April 9 – Equal Pay Day; April 19 “Xanadu” for Tech Trek; April 16-Cultural Connection; April 17-Joan Morris;
April 20- AAUW CA Convention



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