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

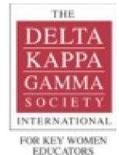
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DKG/AAUW Dinner Meeting



How Traditional Chinese Medicine Can Help Modern America



Date: Tuesday, February 11th
Place: Scott's Garden Room
Time: 5:30 Social
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Speaker

Dr. Mamie Chow, AAUW Funds Recipient 2012-2013 Career Development Grant

Mamie Chow spent the first 15 years of her professional life in social justice organizations and training in Tae Kwon Do. In 2011, she decided to go back to school for her MA in traditional Chinese medicine and become a medical practitioner. Mamie loves developing a healthy rapport with her clients by alleviating pain and strengthening the mind-body-spirit connection using tiny needles and 2,000 year old herbal formulas. Her vision is to increase access to quality healthcare for women and girls from marginalized communities and to support the healing process of trauma survivors.



PLEASE SEND \$35 CHECK MADE TO "DKG" WITH YOUR MENU CHOICE, BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH TO:

DKG/AAUW RESERVATIONS:

Denise Dolan, P.O. Box 551, Alamo, CA 94507

NAME _____

Menu choices: parmesan-coated chicken, salmon, or a vegetarian entrée (circle one)
Raspberry Jack or Sorbet with cookie for dessert Coffee or tea included with dinner

Organization: _____



Presidential Postings

Co-Presidents Kit Hein & Janice Walker

At our annual soup/supper 80+ members and friends enjoyed scrumptious soups and delectable desserts. Marilyn Thelen and Elva Valli, along with their committee of Elizabeth DiPietro, Patricia Harris, Carole Larson, Gayle Miner, Elena Noble and Sandy Wolfe, not only organized the evening but also provided us with an outstanding presentation given by Dr. Rona Zollinger,



who shared her experiences from last summer within the Arctic Circle aboard the National Geographic Explorer. We are grateful to them and to all the cooks who assisted in making this evening a great beginning to 2014!

A very special thank you is also extended to Shelley Jacobson who on behalf of the Branch was instrumental in procuring a \$500 donation from the Pleasant Hill Rotary for our Tech Trek program. This money will be applied toward the \$850 fee required for each of our middle school girls to attend the week-long camp.

Recently the NBC evening news included a report by Maria Shriver featuring Aileen Rizo, a Fresno County Office of Education Math Consultant who, with the help of AAUW, which was mentioned in the report, took her battle for equal pay to the courts and won the right to sue the school district. In the news report, Aileen states that her reason for undertaking this battle is to ensure that her two small daughters will face a future that includes pay equity.

If you received the AAUW Action Network you know that Lilly Ledbetter also continues the fight for equal pay. She has asked all of us to urge the House and Senate members to support the Paycheck Fairness Act, which is already supported by President Obama. Let us all join this effort for the benefit of our own daughters and granddaughters!

This month instead of our regular general meeting we are joining the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch and Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Key Educators for dinner and a presentation featuring one of AAUW Funds

educational fellows. More information regarding this event is included in this newsletter. We hope you'll be able to join us Feb 11th.

Now that you have your 2014 calendar don't forget to add all of our AAUW functions so that you don't miss the wealth of opportunities for information and involvement. Sherrie Moore, our webmaster, not only does an outstanding job of featuring the happenings of our Branch on our website, but she also lists upcoming events. Check out the website and make the most of your membership!



Kit and Janice

**FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12, 2014
7 PM
Valley Clubhouse
785 Roanoke Dr., Martinez
(Call Kit Hein for directions)**

POSITION AVAILABLE

**Newsletter Editor –
PH-MTZ AAUW N.E.W.S.
SPRING, 2014-???**

Training available; knowledge of MSWord or similar program desired

With consent of the 2014-2015

President and her board

Call Kit Hein if you want to talk about it.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**** EVENING BRIDGE –** There was no information as of press time. Evening Bridge typically meets on the first Monday which will be **Feb. 3**. Contact Elizabeth 210-0281 bokeyd1106@gmail.com or Gayle 798-7528 tarheel61@yahoo.com for exact time and location.



GRAND SLAMMERS - February 10, 12:30 pm Marlene DeLaurenti's house. Call or e-mail Marlene if you would like to join us. 934-4171 mdl@astound.net Everyone is welcome.



**** MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, **February 5th, 10 am**, at Joan Foster's. We will be discussing Kate Morton's *The Secret Keeper*. The story involves a long-kept secret of a crime and how it impacts the lives of all those involved. In March, we will be reading and discussing *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin. Please join us for great discussions! NOTE: For the February meeting, everyone must car pool as the parking at Joan's is limited. Please plan now to go with several gals.



**** WALKING WOMEN** will walk in February on the **11th and 25th** ~ Tuesday mornings at 9 am. On the 11th, we will meet Hillcrest Shopping Center and walk south on the Canal Trail. On the 25th, same location going north on the Canal Trail. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel, if you are planning to be there so we won't go off without you!!! And, if you have other trails that don't require a lot of travel time, please let Marlene know.



**** LUNCHIN' LADIES** will not meet in February. If you go on the Cultural trip to Sacramento, we will have lunch there. If you have a restaurant you would like to try, please let Marlene know ~ we need some unique suggestions.



**** CULTURAL CONNECTION** will meet on **Tuesday, February 18th** for a tour to the California Museum in Sacramento. We will be viewing the "Ray Eames: A Century of Modern Design" exhibit. We will have lunch at a nearby restaurant before coming home. Also, we will be carpooling, so let Marlene Maksel know if you are planning to go. NOTE: If you were planning to go on the 11th, I apologize for getting the dates wrong!!



**** MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies **February 27th**. 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 film after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday, February 12th, 10 am**, at Marlene Maksel's. Our topic will be to write about "Danger." Use your imagination, or write something from real life. We love oral versions, too. Please come and share your stories!



**** EVENING BOOKS** will meet on **Monday, February 24th, 7 pm**, at Georgette Armstrong's. We will be discussing *Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan. This is a story about an undercover agent for England's MI5, who infiltrates a literary circle to reveal an espionage. In March, we will be discussing *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. Join us for great discussions.

Membership Matters

Gayle Miner – Membership VP

It's Half Price Time for new memberships. Anyone joining AAUW between January 1 and March 15, 2014 will only pay 1/2 National and 1/2 Branch dues - a \$33.50 SAVINGS! If you know anyone interested in joining AAUW, now is the time to join. Please contact **Gayle Miner at (925) 349-6795 or email at gayle.miner@yahoo.com** and give me the name and contact information of the person interested in joining. A Half Year Membership in AAUW is now \$49.50 until March 15, 2014.

Welcome our newest Member (add to your directory):

Susan Bonilla 521-1511
2151 Salvio St. Suite 395
Concord, CA 94520
assemblymemberbonilla@assembly.ca.gov

Change of email (correct your directory):

Sally Whitsett sswhits@gmail.com

SPECIAL BRANCH WISHES

*Condolences to Suzanne Mesetz on
the death of her sister Madeleine.*

*A speedy recovery to Vivian Boyd and
Diane Peterson's husband, Rich*

March and April Programs

Woman Entrepreneurs Doing Business in our communities



A Panel Luncheon
Saturday March 22, 2014
11:30 AM
Lemon Grass Restaurant
Main Street, Martinez



Wednesday, April 16th 7:00 pm
Dr. Helen Benjamin, Chancellor
Contra Costa College District
Brookview Clubhouse

AAUW FUNDS

Marlene Maksel & Laurel Gaiser, Co-VPs

Who do you think should be honored by the branch as a Named Gift Honoree?? Your AAUW Funds Committee (Laurel Gaiser and Marlene Maksel, Chairs; Muriel Fry, Ginny Hargrave and Pat Harris) welcome your input!

The forms must be sent to AAUW-CA by 15 February 2014, so time is limited. Please consider your fellow members and who you think should be named for this honor. The only criteria is to name an individual, group or organization for extraordinary service to AAUW.

The committee would like to present no more than 3 of these honors. For your information, in 2012-2013, our honorees were Shelley Jacobson, Sherrie Moore and Elva Valli.

Please send proposed names of individuals, groups or organizations to Marlene at marlene@maksiel.us ~ or call at 689-5439.

Thanks for your help!



LOCAL FELLOW TO SPEAK

Plan to attend dinner at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek on Tuesday, 11 February 2014. This is the annual dinner presented by the Alamo-Danville-Walnut Creek branch in cooperation with the educational sorority Delta Kappa Gamma. Our branch is a partner in this event and **it will take the place of our regular monthly program.**

Full details are on the first page of this N.E.W.S.

Please put the date on your calendar and make your reservation!



Bunco for Tech Trek

PH-Mtz AAUW is hosting an afternoon Bunco on

Friday, February 28, 2014

1:00-4:00

home of Patricia Harris

10 Kim Ct., Martinez

Join us for a fun filled afternoon with the entertaining game of Bunco. It is easy to learn (Bunco is very similar to the dice game Yahtzee).

\$10 will be collected to benefit Tech Trek

Cash prizes will be awarded.

Dessert will be served during our break.

Call or e-mail Pat Harris to reserve your spot!



Elena Noble, NoCal RFM

enoble4@astound.net

Did you know that over her working lifetime, a woman will earn 1 million dollars less than a man simply because she is a woman?

With the help of the WAGE Project and a chorus of AAUW members across the country, Start Smart Classes are being presented to young woman graduates entering the job market in an effort to close the pay gap.

Locally, we have currently been in touch with the Career Center at Diablo Valley College who has expressed interest in hearing about the success of the Start Smart classes. Since meeting with Chancellor, Dr. Helen Benjamin in November, we are looking forward to working with all three community colleges in Contra Costa County.

WOMAN ARE GETTING EVEN

Wageproject.org

COMMUNITY

Diane Peterson

MARTINEZ

11 Tues., 8 – 10 am Martinez State of the City Breakfast, a full gourmet breakfast at Creekside Church Auditorium, 444 Fig Tree Lane, (Morello Ave. to Midhill Rd.), RSVP to Martinez Chamber 228-2345

28 Fri., 10 am – 12:30 PM, CERT Presentation Martinez Senior Center, 818 Green, to register call 370-8770

PLEASANT HILL

5 Wed all day, Civic Action Commission, City Hall Small Community Room, for more info. call Martin Nelis @ 671-5229 or e-mail to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us

18 Tues., 5:50 – 10 PM, 43rd Annual Community Awards Night, P.H. Community Center (on Civic Dr.), call Martin Nelis @ 671-5229 or e-mail mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us

20 & 21 Thurs. & Fri., 7 – 9 PM College Park High School Talent Show, Multi-Use Room

26 Wed., all day, Education Commission Meeting, Large Community Room, City Hall, contact Martin Nelis (see above)

Sign Up Now for Classes at DVC Emeritus College

The DVC Emeritus College Spring 2014 brochure is now available with an exciting and interesting line up of affordable classes, tours and day trips. The offerings include a tour of the California Railroad Museum, opening day on the bay aboard the USS, Potomac, a hike in the Marin headlands, and classes on art, music, philosophy, history, cooking and much more. Emeritus College, a non-profit, fee-supported program of Diablo Valley College, offers classes for people 50 and older designed to challenge your brain, stimulate your senses, and create new friendships. To see the entire brochure, visit www.dvc.edu/emeritus or call 925 969-4316 for more information.

Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Sherrie Moore, webmaster



The January Soup Supper was again an enjoyable event for all. Dr. Rona Zollinger is an extremely inspiring speaker. Please look for the photos on our website.

Remember to participate in our website contest. Find two ways to get to the Past Presidents' Page. Email the answer to me or the webmaster, located on the About Us page. One winning entry will be drawn at the March General Meeting. Winner receives a Starbucks gift card. Hint: It's All About Us.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org>.

St. Mary's College "Small Victories"

Community Leadership Series

Do you see a change you'd like to bring to your organization this year? What project have you dreamed of starting but has seemed too daunting to get it off the ground?

Join other community members in a series of workshops, lead by St Mary's Leadership Center Faculty. Jan. 30-March 27 For details and to register contact

Ellen Beans , news@moragacitizensnetwork.org

AAUW MISSION & ACTION

(excerpts)

**** Help a Teacher Win \$300!** Know any fabulous teachers? Ask them to enter our Battle of the Plans contest and inspire K–12 girls with an exciting and fun engineering lesson plan. The winner will receive a \$300 gift card and will be announced on Girl Day, February 20. AAUW educators, submit your plan today!



**** Are You a Title IX Champion?**

Whether you've promoted awareness, supported women's athletics, or investigated compliance, we want to recognize your Title IX efforts. Send a summary and a picture of your Title IX event to laf@aauw.org [<mailto:laf@aauw.org>], and you'll receive a Title IX Champion award to display on your branch's website. We'll also feature your story on the Title IX Champion Facebook page. Nominate a champion today!

**** Play Bingo** while you watch President Obama's State of the Union address on Tuesday night from @AAUWPolicy. Will the president talk about pay equity? Will he mention women's health, a minimum wage increase, or marriage equality? Follow @AAUWPolicy [<http://twitter.com/AAUWPolicy>] for the highlights and play BINGO!



We've created three bingo cards with some of the key words women and girls want to hear from President Obama this year. Simply print out a card, grab a marker (and if you're me, some snacks), and you're ready to play. Tweet @AAUW [<http://twitter.com/AAUW>] with your winning card!

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**CREATIVE WOMEN SYMPOSIUM VII
ART OF A COMMUNITY**

JOIN US FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE ARTISTS:

- Explore what factors contributed to their artistic development
- Learn how the synergy of our community influences, sustains & supports them
- View the special exhibit showcasing Art Of A Community
- Enjoy the reception with music by Jazz Gorilla
- Donate to benefit Arts Benicia's Children's Programs, and AAUW's Tech Trek Program



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991 Tyler Street

February 9

2-5 PM

reception 2-3 PM

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 DVC Hamlet 
2	3 Evening Bridge 	4	5 Morning Books 	6	7	8 CCC Poetry Out Loud Competition 
9 Creative Women Symposium – Benicia 	10 Grand Slammers 	11 Walking Women AAUW/DKG DINNER MEETING 	12 In Indelible Ink BOARD MEETING 	13	14 	15
16	17	18 Cultural Connection 	19	20 CPHS Talent Show	21 CPHS Talent Show	22
23	24 Evening Books 	25 Walking Women 	26 PH Educ. Comm. Meeting	27 Matinee Idle 	28 Bunco for Tech Trek 	

SAVE THE DATES: Mar. 22 Women Entrepreneurs; Apr. 16 Dr. Helen Benjamin