



**Pleasant Hill Branch**  
**N.E.W.S.**  
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***SPRING HIGH TEA***  
*(Hat and Gloves optional)*  
***SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007***

***3:00 PM***

***SANDY WOLFE'S HOME***  
***156 ELDERWOOD DRIVE, PH***

***Honoring Tech Trek and Local Scholarship Students***  
***plus '07 - '08 Board Installation***

***Would you like to set a table for the tea? We need a few people that would be willing to set a table for four. This includes the tablecloth, napkins, china salad plates, cup and saucers, silverware, water goblets and teapot. Please call Sandy (228-2633) if you would be interested in helping with a table setting.***

***We are also in need of three tiered plates. Let Sandy know if you could loan one.***

***RSVP by May 15 to Marlene DeLaurenti (934-4171) or Sandy Wolfe (228-2633)***

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July/August N.E.W.S. is due on  
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## PITHY PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

Gayle Garrison and Marlene Maksel

May is the month we realize all the fundraising we did, is going to reward us. It is with a great deal of satisfaction, we meet all the young women who will receive a scholarship to help them in their education. Also, the middle school girls will receive grats to attend Tech Trek. Several of our past scholarship winners and Tech Trek girls have told us how much they benefited from our financial assistance. To all of our members, a thank you for all your hard work in fundraising. The investment in an education is an asset, not only for the recipient, but to all of society. The education of girls and women, is very important in the future of our country.

The book, *She's Such a Geek*, edited by Annalee Newitz and Charlie Anders, is one I would suggest reading. The essays by women in science and technology, is very interesting.

As the term of being co-president ends, I want to thank all the members for the privilege of serving. Our branch has always been open to trying new ideas....some work out, some don't, but being able to accept different ideas is very important. My friends in PHAAUW, are very dear to me. All the years I have been a member....I won't tell you how many...I have been able to count on you for support through the good and not so good times. In my opinion, my dues to AAUW, have been a very good investment. AAUW has helped me grow in many ways. The books sections have given me the opportunity to share my great love of books. The Bridge sections, have kept me humble...you Bridge players know what I mean. The social events have been lots of fun...my husband has enjoyed them, too. I thank the late Barbara Newacheck, a charter member, for asking me to join PHAAUW....I would do it all over again. *Gayle*

**\*\*\*\*\* DON'T FORGET! \*\*\*\*\***

**FIVE COOKBOOK RECIPES DUE BY MAY 15, 2007**

to Diane Gartner [bookworm\\_da@comcast.net](mailto:bookworm_da@comcast.net)

Kathy Searles [searles3@comcast.net](mailto:searles3@comcast.net)

or Marilyn Tubbs [marclin@comcast.net](mailto:marclin@comcast.net)

**Reserve recipe books for \$10.00 each!**

### JOINT-BOARD DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Hostess: Gayle Miner

1277Kentucky Drive, Concord

2006-07 Board hosts 2007-08 Board

6:00 pm Potluck

R.S.V.P. to Marlene (689-5439) for  
reservations and food assignments.  
"Old" board should bring experience  
notebooks for new board members.

Thanks to our NEWS Supporters  
MONEYMOVERS INVESTMENT CLUB  
will meet on Monday May 14, 2007, 7:00 pm  
@ UBS, 2185 N. California St. Suite 400, WC.



### Interest Group Meetings:

#### May 2007

**MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, May 2nd, 10 am. at **Marlene DeLaurenti's**, 50 Northgate Rd, WC. We will be discussing, the Honeymoon with my Brother by Franz & Kurt Weisner.

When his fiancé jilts him, literally, at the altar, since the honeymoon is all planned and paid for, the groom takes his brother with him. This trip leads to others in which they discover interesting travel facts and a new relationship with each other. Please call Marlene (934-4171) to let her know you're planning to attend.

**PLAYREADING** will meet at **Suzanne Mesetz's** on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 @ 10:00 am.. We will be reading a one act play and discussing the playwright. Please join us.

**BOARD MEETING** will meet at **Elizabeth DiPietro's**, 606 Old Vine Ct, PH on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 @ 7:15 pm.

**EVENING BRIDGE** will meet on Monday, May 7, 2007, 7:00 pm @ **Shirlee Thompson's**.

**IN INDELIBLE INK** will not meet in May.

**NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on Friday, May 18, 2007, 10:30 am @ **Kay Ernst's**. 32 Monivea Place. Bring your handiwork if you need help – many of our members have expertise in all kinds of creative works...

**MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, May 24, 2007. We usually pick the movie at the beginning of that week, so please call Marlene (689-5439) if you are interested.

**EVENING BOOKS** will not meet in May due to the Memorial Day weekend holiday.

**FRUGAL FOODIES** will not meet this month due to the Memorial Day holiday.

#### June 2007

##### **GENEOLOGY GROUP**

Our Sutro Library field trip has been changed to Tuesday, June 5 (It was May 10.) We will be given an overall view/tour of the library and doing individual research on our family. This library houses all of the census reports and a vast collection of genealogy books. We will be leaving Pleasant Hill at 9 a.m. and starting home from the library at 2 p.m. Contact Kay Ernst 937-0526

**MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am at **Suzanne Rheingruber's** for our annual potluck luncheon. We will not be reading a book – just enjoying good food and friends. We might have a quiz, though! Please call Suzanne to let her know you are coming – (935-0347). Food assignments will be taken at the May meeting and by calling Suzanne. Hope to see you there.

**INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Houlihan's restaurant (in Sun Valley Shopping Center) for lunch at 12 noon. We will not be writing anything for this final meeting before the summer break. However, we might have a summer "serial" assignment! Please let Marlene (689-5439) know if you are planning to attend BEFORE June 11<sup>th</sup>, so reservations can be made. Plan to join us!

**EVENING BOOKS** will meet for dinner on Monday, June 4, 6 pm at the Patio in Lafayette. We will be discussing Arturo Perez-Reverte's Queen of the South. The plot starts in Spain and ends in Mexico, so we will be dining on food ethnically correct – we hope. Please phone Marlene (689-5439) BEFORE the 2<sup>nd</sup> so reservations can be made.

**MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies one week early in June – Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – because Association convention begins in Phoenix on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We will pick a movie at the beginning of that week, so please call Marlene (689-5439) if you are interested.

**NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on Friday, June 15, 2007, 10:30 am at **Suzanne Salter's**, 275 Appalachian Drive, PH. Expect lots of expert advice and great conversation.

**EVENING BRIDGE** will meet on Monday, June 4, 7:00 pm @ Elizabeth DiPietro's.

**FRUGAL FOODIES** will meet at the Main St Grill (WC) on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. *Call Suzanne Mesetz for info.*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Many of you are familiar with the Educational Foundation and the grants and awards it bestows each year. Our branches work hard to raise funds to support women who are committed to furthering their education and training.

But are you familiar with another program that is administered by EF; namely the AAUW Achievement Award? Begun in 1943 by the AAUW Northwest Central Region and transferred to the AAUW Educational Foundation in 1972, these biennially awards honor women of outstanding achievement in an academic or professional field. Usually given to a mature woman whose accomplishments have spanned a number of years, these awards do not limit the recipient to any age or any field of endeavor.

The criteria are:

- The awardee's work shall agree with the AAUW mission
- The awardee must have national or international prominence
- The awardee is expected to make further contributions to the lives of women
- The awardee must personally accept the award at the Foundation Night banquet during the AAUW National Convention

Upon selection of and acceptance by a candidate, an honorarium of \$10,000 accompanies the award.

In the 64 years during which this award has been given, AAUW has brought to the world's attention the remarkable contributions made by outstanding women. Here are just a few....

1947 Barbara McClintock: First woman to win an unshared Nobel Prize in

Physiology for her work in genetics

1956 Rachel Louise Carson: Author of *Silent Spring*, landmark book

heralding the battle to come between environmentalists and industry

1965 Dora Dougherty: Member of the Whirly-Girls, an international

association of women helicopter pilots—set world records for distance and altitude

1978 Margaret Mead: World-renowned anthropologist and outspoken leader of the feminist movement

1983 Grace Hopper: Commodore of the US Navy Reserve and upon retirement

was the nation's oldest active-duty officer. Co-inventor of the COBOL language

1988 Sandra Day O'Connor: First woman Supreme Court Justice

This June at the AAUW Association Convention in Phoenix another phenomenal woman will be so honored with the AAUW Achievement Award. Let's all go to find out first hand.

*Ginny Hatfield, Los Angeles District EF Rep*

## **Public Policy**

AAUW has, for more than a century, influenced legislative debate on critical issues such as education, social security, sex discrimination, civil rights, reproductive choice, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform, vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave and health care reform.

Action Network emails and telephone calls to Congress in 2006 helped to:

- Successfully defend against efforts to privatize Social Security
- Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act
- Strengthen the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act to help women and girls move into non-traditional fields

Please watch the N.E.W.S. for future Action Network requests and follow through on the suggestions if you wish to show support.

*Shirlee Thompson, Chair*

## **Book Exchange**

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2007 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.

The calls have been coming in, so we have 2 Exchanges going and are working on a third. Don't miss out! (You can purchase 2 or 3 books to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure!)

**We send our condolences to Janet Sullivan whose brother died recently. And we extend a rapid recovery to Suzanne Mesetz from her recent hospitalization.**





**It's Dues Time!**

**Please clip this statement  
and remit the amount to**

**Elizabeth DiPietro**

**606 Old Vine Ct**

**Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

**or**

**Ish Mendonsa**

**1201 Monument Blvd #1**

**Concord, CA 94520**

**Pleasant Hill Branch**

**Dues Statement**

**July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008**

<b>Association</b>	<b>\$47.00</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Branch</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$81.00</b>
<b>Barbara Newacheck</b>	
<b>Memorial Fund (Optional)</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Total remitted</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Payment is due now.**

***Paying dues prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> assures your name will be included in the PHAAUW***

***'07-'08 Directory***

**Questions? Please phone Elizabeth (210-0281) or Ish (680-2749)**

**Tech Trek Honorees:**

Congratulations to **Robyn Mackie** of Valley View MS, **Helena Martyn** from Pleasant Hill MS and **Namitha Patil** from Sequoia MS. These girls are the Pleasant Hill Branch 2007 Tech Trek finalists. With the help and support our branch has given the program this year, we were honored by the entire group of candidates. All of them would have made us proud as our Tech Trek campers. It truly was a difficult decision to make, and there are rumors in the wind of trying to send even more girls next year. But don't just believe what I am telling you. Come to the May tea and meet them for yourselves. I'm sure they will be anxious to meet all of our branch members and tell you a little about what motivated them to apply for Tech Trek.

And a special thank you to Victoria Maat and Kathy Wheeler for their help with the interviews. The whole process is a very rewarding experience and I would like to invite all of you to participate. Call me or the incoming presidents if you would be willing to put in time for this worthwhile project.

**Kit Hein, Tech Trek Coordinator**

**Local Scholarship Awardees –2007**

**Kim Bowen** plans, after graduating from CPHS, to attend Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo. She will be majoring in Architectural Engineering. She lettered in soccer and track the four years of high school. This summer will find her working at Starbucks and interning at an Engineering firm. She maintained a 4.0 all through school. Some of you remember her mother, Terry, a past member and president of PHAAUW.

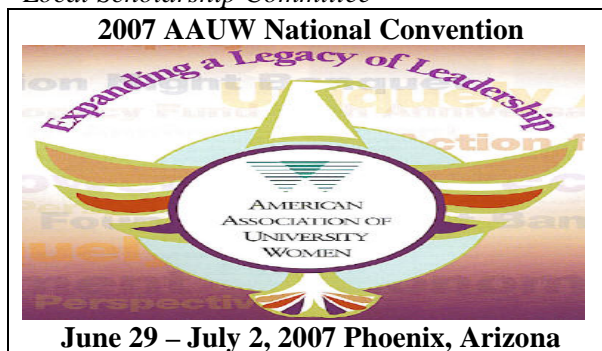
**Kelsey Dallara** lives in Martinez but attends CPHS. She will be attending Long Beach State with a major in physical therapy or paramedics. She participated in cross country and in track. Kelsey was a team captain for three years of the cross country team. She will be enjoying some family time this summer and plans to work at FLEET FEET, also. She loves photography and hiking.

**Andrea Guerrawill** will be attending DVC next year with plans to go to San Jose State, majoring in science and studying to be an Occupational Therapist. She hopes to eventually work with children. Andrea has been a member of the girls varsity basketball team at CPHS. She also threw discus and shot put on the Varsity Track Team. This summer she will be training with the DVC basketball team and volunteering 100 hours at Children's Hospital in Oakland.

**Cynthia Lam** will be attending either UC Davis or Santa Clara Univ. Her proposed field of study will be in International Business. She would like to eventually work in Hong Kong. She has been on the Varsity tennis team the past two years, has played piano 8 years and has a great interest in Chinese culture. In the summer of 2003 Cynthia attended Tech Trek and speaks highly of her experiences.

These women are all winners and represent us well. Please plan to be at the end-of-the-year meeting so you may meet them in person.

*Local Scholarship Committee*



# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Morning Books 10:00 am @ Marlene DiLaurenti's	2	3	4
	6 Evening Bridge 7:00 pm @ Shirlee Thompson's	7	8	9 Board Meeting 7:15 pm @ Elizabeth DiPietro's	10	11
13 		14	15 Playreading 10:00 am @ Suzanne Mesetz's *****Deadline for recipe donations!!!	16	17	18 Nimble Fingers 10:30 am @ Kay Ernst's
20 High Tea 3:00 pm @ Sandy Wolfe's	21	22	23	24 Matinee Idle Call Marlene Maksel for info	25	26
27 No Frugal Foodies this month (Check the date for June)	28 	29	30	31	June 2007 Interest Group Mtgs: Check page 3 of the N.E.W.S.	

# June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						2
	3 Evening Bridge 7:00 pm @ Elizabeth DiPietro's and Evening Books 6pm @ The Patio (WC)	4	5 Genealogy Sutro Library visitation (Check with Kay Ernst for info)	6 Morning Books Pot Luck @ 11:00 Suzanne Rheingruber's	7	8
	10	11	12	13 In Indelible Ink Luncheon @ Houlihan's 12:00 N 	14 Flag Day	15 Nimble Fingers 10:30 am @ Suzanne Salter's
17 	18	19	20 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 pm @ Gayle Miner's	21 Matinee Idol Call Marlene for info	22	23
24 Frugal Foodie Main Street Grill (WC) (Call Suzanne Mesetz for info)	25	26	27	28	29	30