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**PLEASANT HILL - MARTINEZ AAUW**

## *End of Year Brunch*

**Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10 am**

**Nancy Hobert's home**

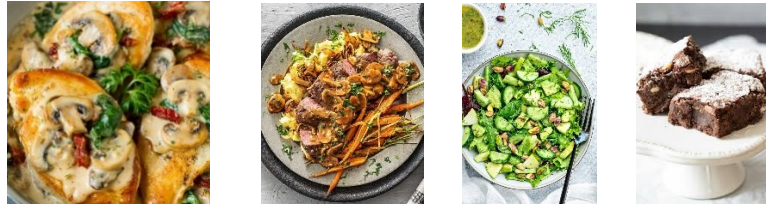
**1040 Vaca Creek Road, Martinez, CA 94553**

Tech Trek Campers and Local Scholarship recipients will be present  
Officers for the upcoming year will be sworn in  
Cost is \$5.00/member for the catered brunch

**PLEASE EMAIL BOBBI HORACK AT  
HORACKB@COMCAST.NET  
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT**



**Gourmet to Go**  
**AAUW Fundraiser dinner**  
**Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**



Pick up your hot meal from 5 - 6 pm at:

**Classic Catering**  
**2653 Pleasant Hill Road Pleasant Hill, Ca. 94523**

**Menu (salad and brownie, choice on entrée):**

Mixed Greens w/ English Cucumber, Asparagus & Pistachios with roll and butter

Beef Tri-Tip w/ Mushroom Sauce, Potato Gratin & Candied Carrots.

or

Chicken w/ Tomato, Mushroom & Artichoke Ragout and Roasted Potatoes.

Espresso chocolate brownie

**\$40 per person, checks to AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**

**Final deadline May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Send order (number of meals - chicken or beef) and check to:**  
**Trinka March 925 372-8420**

**650 Linden Lane, Martinez, Ca 94553**

Order for you, your family, neighbors and/or friends  
No muss, no fuss, no cooking! Dine at home with your family or with friends.

**Funds for: Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and AAUW Fund**





## PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

The end of our AAUW year is quickly approaching and this is my final column as your President. It has been a busy year with fundraisers, brunches, general meetings, the SAM Program, Tech Trekkers, scholarships, and a holiday party to name a few. Our goal is always to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Our Interest Groups are active and Lunchin' Ladies has started again after a Covid pause.

My main concern this year was finding Executive Officers for the 2023-24 year. Our Parliamentarian, Helen Pereira, and the Nominating Committee worked very hard to nominate a "willing to serve" slate of officers who were duly elected at our April General Meeting and will be installed at our End Of The Year Brunch on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Hobert's home. See the details about reservations for the brunch on the front page of this newsletter. A huge thank you and congratulations to the following newly elected officers:

President- Reba Siero (July 1 to Dec. 31, 2023), Vice President Membership - Karen Winters and Diane Peterson, Vice President AAUW Fund -Carolynn Barcklay and Gayle Miner, Vice President Program - Carlyn Obringer, Treasurer - Claudia Bass, Secretary - Helen Pereira.

As you might have noticed, our newly elected President can only serve from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2023. We need someone to serve as President from Jan.1 to June 30, 2024. Please seriously consider serving as our President for the second half of the term and let Reba Siero know ASAP. I would hate to go through the year with this opening hanging over our heads! Also, Helen Pereira is stepping down as our Parliamentarian to assume the duties of Secretary. SO, we need a Parliamentarian to serve on the upcoming board. It is not an elected position, but it is a very important position. Let Reba Siero know if you are interested in serving as our Parliamentarian.

I hope everyone has a chance to participate in the upcoming Gourmet To Go fundraiser on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is to benefit Local Scholarship, AAUW Fund and Tech Trek. It is a perfect way to get together with friends to enjoy a delicious meal that you don't have to cook! See the flyer in this newsletter for details. Thank you, Sherrie Moore for organizing this fundraiser.

I want to thank the 2022-23 Appointed Officers and people in Appointed Positions. AAUW would not function without your dedication to your position or job. Your willingness to head committees for Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, Layette Shower, SAM, Soup Supper, Ways and Means, Nominating Committee, Holiday Party, the Newsletter and Interest Sections are vital to our branch and much appreciated.

Finally, a huge thank you to this year's Executive Board. Bobbi Horack and Sally Whitsett for their work in bringing programs to our General Meetings, Barbara Minneman and Karen Winters for the monumental task of keeping track of our membership despite a new National computer system, Carolynn Barcklay and Claudia Bass for AAUW Fund fundraising efforts, trying to send a DVC student to NCCWSL and Game Day, Susan Peterson for taking all of those minutes and getting them out to board members, and to our dedicated Treasurer, Trinkia March, who has kept accurate records and paid our bills for many years. Thank you all for being there when needed and doing your jobs in such an excellent way. I am very proud to have served with such an extraordinary group of outstanding and dedicated women. Keep up the good work that you do. It has been an honor to serve with you!

Gayle Miner  
2022-23 President

## INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



**\*\*MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, May 3rd, 10 am, at Margie Pruitt's. We will be discussing C. W. Gortner's *The First Actress: A Novel of Sarah Bernhardt*. This is a sort of tell-all story about a famous actress, her early life and how she actually became an actress! Please let Margie know if you are planning to attend.

On Wednesday, **JUNE 7th**, 11:30 am, at Brookview Clubhouse, we will wrap up the year with our traditional potluck luncheon. Sign ups for food will be at the May meeting. We will not be discussing a book in June, but we will pick our favorite book



### **\*\*LUNCHIN' LADIES**

will go to lunch on:

Monday, May 15 at 12:30 pm at Bella Sienna, 127 First St, Benicia

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH GAYLE MINER THE MONDAY BEFORE THE EVENT (MAY 8). **NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE.**

(925) 349-6795 hm. or (925) 788-3272 cell

NOTE: Lunchin' Ladies will take a break for June and July. We will resume on August 21 with lunch at Crescent Bistro, Pleasant Hill at 12:30 PM. Reservations to Gayle Miner by the Monday before, which is August 14. Mark your calendars.

### **SUNSHINE**

Gayle Garrison

If you know of any member who needs a bit of sunshine, please let me know!

Gayle Garrison

[tarheel61@yahoo.com](mailto:tarheel61@yahoo.com) or (925) 798-7528

## OTHER GROUPS



**\*\*MAH JONGG** will meet on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Brookview Clubhouse, 12:30 PM. We will meet next on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM, and Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 PM, all at the Brookview Clubhouse.

Please let Suzanne Salter know if you plan to attend. Her contact information is:

Suzanne Salter

[seabear92020@outlook.com](mailto:seabear92020@outlook.com)

(925) 988-0322 (cell)



### **\*\*GRAND SLAMMERS**

For information, contact:

Marlene De Laurenti at [mdl@astound.net](mailto:mdl@astound.net) or (925) 934-4171

### **News from the Parliamentarian**

The election of officers took place at our General Meeting on Wednesday, April 19th. Read the details in our President's message.

We are still in need of someone(s) to fill the President's role from January through June of the next calendar year. Please consider yourself or let me know who might be willing to help with this important, mandatory role.

One additional role to consider is that of Parliamentarian. I have fulfilled the terms of my commitment and will need a replacement for our 2023-24 year.

Thank you also for considering this need for our Branch. And again I thank ALL of you who have been on the Nominating Committee these past two years and ALL of you who have stepped up to the plate and have helped as either an elected or appointed officer of our Branch. Your dedication to AAUW is heartwarming.

Sincerely,  
Helen Pereira, Parliamentarian  
(925) 285-1766



# RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

It's time to renew your membership in the [Pleasant Hill Martinez branch of AAUW](#).

The total annual dues for 2023-2024 is **\$118**. National dues are \$72, (\$69 of that is tax deductible), State \$20, and our branch dues are \$26.

You can renew on line at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) or by check to us.

If you choose to renew by check, please make your check payable to:  
[AAUW Pleasant Hill Martinez Branch](#) and send it to:

**Karen Winters**  
**2148 Westward Place**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**

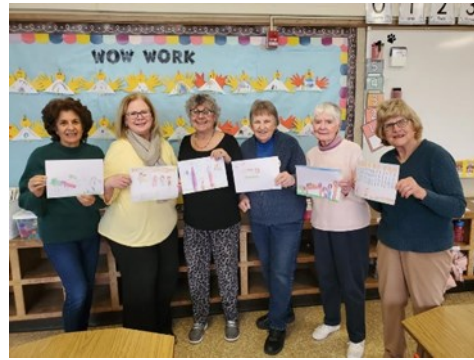
**ALL CHECKS OR ONLINE PAYMENTS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 2023**

If we receive your online renewal confirmation or your check by **May 15th**, you will be eligible for a drawing to have your National dues paid. (\$72) Only 1 name will be drawn.

Thanks for renewing! Should be an interesting year ahead!  
[Karen Winters](#), [Barb Minneman](#), [Membership VPs](#)



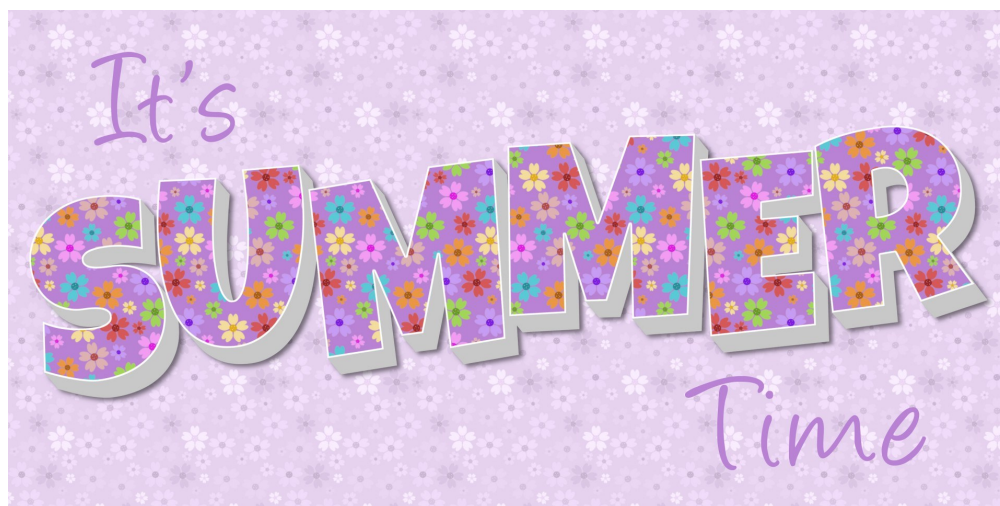
## Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. See the pictures from our **April Program** on the **Photo Page**. Check out our **SAM Program** pictures on the **Community Action Page**. Find our upcoming Programs and activities on the **Program Page**.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Remember to press F5 to get the most current version of each page. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the **About Us Page**.

**Sherrie Moore, webmaster**



## AAUW FUND REPORT

Claudia Bass andCarolynn Barcklay, AAUW Fund VPs

Well, we are finally enjoying spring like weather.

The Kinder's gift cards sale has officially ended. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who purchased them. We made a profit of \$527.50. This will go towards offering a scholarship to a DVC student.

Speaking of scholarships, Claudia met with Shari Keller from Diablo Valley College to see how we can facilitate giving a DVC student a scholarship. She was extremely helpful, and we will be offering a scholarship next year and maybe two depending on finances. It is so gratifying that our branch sponsors middle school girls to attend Tech Trek, give high school girls a scholarship, and now a DVC student a scholarship. We have covered AAUW mission and values of promoting education for women.

CA AAUW has certificates that we can use to honor those that gave to AAUW Fund at a certain level. These will be passed out at the End of the Year Brunch in June. No matter what your contribution is it is always greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who contributed to AAUW Fund.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the brunch.

Claudia Bass at (925) 372-8679 or [cbasslancer29@aol.com](mailto:cbasslancer29@aol.com)

Carolynn Barcklay at (925) 682-7552 or [cbarcklay@hotmail.com](mailto:cbarcklay@hotmail.com)

## **BOOK EXCHANGE/Round Robin - 1st CALL**

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2023 for the cost of only one! You buy one book; pass your book to the next member each month; and then each month you receive a new selection from another member of the Exchange.

We certainly would welcome additional members, as we just had 2 Exchanges last year. (You can purchase 2 - or potentially 3 books - to join all the Exchanges and double or triple your reading pleasure or choices!) Please call with any questions.

Please contact Mary Hanlon @ 925/934-3528 (Home) or 925/286-2223 (Cell) or [mkhbibliophile@aol.com](mailto:mkhbibliophile@aol.com) with your selected title and author **PRIOR** to purchasing your book. Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.

### *MAY BOARD MEETING*

*MAY 10, 2023*

*7 PM*

*home and Zoom*

**Copy deadline for the**

**July/August 2023 N.E.W.S.**

**THURSDAY, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Please email copy to:

Reba Siero [rebasiero@yahoo.com](mailto:rebasiero@yahoo.com)

(925) 917-1061



***Congratulations to our 2023 Local Scholarship recipients! Erin Hurley and Lauren Cardinale are from College Park High School and Yara Hassan, Khin Lwin, Monica Morrison are from Alhambra High school.***

**Come to the Spring Brunch on June 10 to meet these hardworking young women!**

**Thanks to all our members who donated to the Coffee Klatch fundraiser - we collected \$3200 this year to go toward scholarships. Has your donation slipped your mind? We'll still take your check!**

**We also collected about \$238 for Local Scholarship through our portion of DVC play ticket sales this year, and we will receive a portion of the proceeds from Gourmet to Go as well. Many thanks to everyone who participates in these fun events which keep our programs going!**



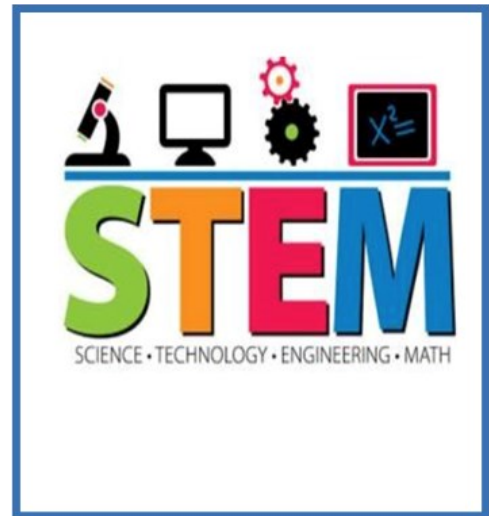
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# Tech Trek Tidings

**We are looking for Class Monitors for Tech Trek at Sonoma State!**



Class monitors are integral to our program and necessary to keep the student to adult ratio at or below 10:1.

There will be two sessions of Tech Trek at Sonoma State this year. Camp Franklin will be held June 18 - 24 and this is the camp our trekkers will attend. If you would like to be a Class monitor for a half or full day, here is a link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9AA2CA2F5C07-class1> We've had several other branches sign up already - don't let them get all the good spots!

Can't make it to Camp Franklin? Camp Johnson will be held at Sonoma State from July 24 - 30. Our girls won't be there, but you will still get to meet lots of interesting girls from other parts of northern California. If you are interested in volunteering the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, send Virginia Hewgley an email and she will put you on the mailing list to let you know when the signup goes live.

You can meet our trekkers at the End of Year Brunch on June 10! It's always a pleasure to hear these young people talk about their interests and hopes for the future. We will also be handing out letters at the brunch asking for your financial support for this program. Can't make it to the brunch or don't want to wait? You can mail a check to Trinkia March any time. Just make it out to AAUW - CA SPF and put Tech Trek on the memo line to make you donation tax deductible.

Speaking of fundraising, we are still looking for someone to step forward to lead our fundraising efforts for Tech Trek next year. The cost went up \$200 per camper this year, and while our members are always generous, our organization is growing smaller at this time. We would like to do a bigger fundraiser that would hopefully get the community involved so we don't have to rely so heavily on our membership for donations. Please let Diane Coventry know if you are interested in helping out in this capacity.

**We also still need a sturdy metal shelving unit for our storage space. Contact Diane Coventry.**

## 2022-2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### **May 2023 & beyond**

- May 3** Morning Books, 10 am, Margie Pruitt's  
**May 7** The Madwoman of Chaillot, 2:30 pm, DVC  
**May 10** Board Meeting, 7 pm, Claudia Bass' and Zoom  
**May 11** Deadline for Gourmet to Go payment  
**May 15** Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, Bella Sienna, Benicia  
**May 15** Gourmet to Go Fundraiser, 5 to 6 pm pickup  
**May 20** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Jun 7** Morning Books End of Year Potluck, 11:30 am, Brookview Clubhouse  
**June 10** End of Year Brunch, 10 am, Nancy Hobert's  
**Jun 16** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse  
**Jun 29** July/August 2023 N.E.W.S. deadline  
**THIS IS ANOTHER 2-MONTH NEWSLETTER**  
**Jun 30** Joint Board Meeting, TBA  
**Jul 21** Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse



Please, write any checks to the branch:  
**AAUW Pleasant Hill-Martinez Branch**

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