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MAY/JUNE 2010

CELEBRATE WITH PHAAUW:

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR, OUR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP AND TECH TREK WINNERS,
AND OUR ELECTED OFFICERS

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

2:00 PM

Hillcrest Congregational Church
404 Gregory Lane



Join other members of PHAAUW as we celebrate a very successful year. We will be honoring our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek winners as well as members who have been designated as EF named gift honorees and the very special Barbara Newacheck Award winner. Our elected officers for 2010-2011 will be inducted as everyone enjoys ice cream with all the fixings.

RSVP by May 12 so we can be sure to have enough ice cream 😊
Jean Hambleton (798-2344) or Marlene Maksel (689-5439)



Presidential Team Report

With this issue, our year is sort of winding down, as new officers will assume their positions on July 1, 2010. So, between now and then, we have to fill a lot of slots for Appointed Officers and Appointed Positions.

This past year your Team operated without anyone filling the very important job of Communications. Several members filled in with articles and pictures, which did get in the *P. H. Outlook* and the *Contra Costa Times*, but we didn't get the consistent coverage needed to keep our name in the news. Can YOU volunteer for that job?

Of course, if you are willing to serve on the board and you feel you have a certain skill or interest in any of the positions, please contact either Jean Hambleton (798-2344) or Marlene Maksel (689-5439).

The current Presidential Team (Jean Hambleton, Ginny Hargrave and Marlene Maksel) would like to thank all of the officers and members who served with them during the 2009-2010 term. Without your dedication and hard work, we would have accomplished very little. As it was, we raised more than \$5,000 for AAUW Funds, gave \$500 scholarships to 4 girls/women and are sending three rising 8th grade girls to Tech Trek.

In addition, we've completed three very successful SAM (Student Art & Music) programs at Fair Oaks Elementary School. Thanks to Mary McGhee, Marilyn Tubbs and a large group of volunteers. We also collected books at Christmas for the Fair Oaks library. Look for a thank-you from a student for the SAM program in this issue of N.E.W.S. (editor's apology: This will come in the July-August issue.)

We had a wonderful display of branch activities and accomplishments in the P. H. Library ~ thanks to Margi Alkire and Kay Ernst. We also had a successful "Layette Shower" hosted by Nimble Fingers Interest Section ~ the layette items went to the Hillcrest Church Layette program.

We welcomed 32 Dual members from Martinez Branch. In the new year, we hope to integrate some of their programs with ours so that Martinez will still be represented in AAUW. So, all in all, it was a very good year! Here's to an even better year in 2010-2011.

The Team

2009– 2010 Leadership Team

Presidents:

Jean Hambleton	798-2344
Ginny Hargrave	798-2370
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Waiting for volunteer

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Copy deadline for July/August N.E.W.S. is June 15th.

Please send copy to Kit Hein

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Danville-Alamo Branch Garden Tour

Fri., May 7 and Sat., May 8 10am-4pm

Eight delightful gardens located in Alamo and Danville

\$35 - \$25 for seniors 65+ tickets can be purchased



at any location on the tour.

Call Mary (925)831-1784 or

gardentour@aauw-da.org

No children under 12 please.

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

As these special people travel the money our branch raises women and girls in their successful future.



from backpacks to briefcases, continues to support pursuit of a bright,

TECH TREK SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

All three of this year's Tech Trek Campers attend Pleasant Hill Middle School. All three of these outstanding young women want to be doctors. Shaina Morales wants to be a cardiologist. She describes herself as hardworking, responsible and willing to take challenges and explore opportunities. She is also a musician who plays piano, flute, violin and sings. Her favorite school subjects are pre-algebra, science and English. Sierra Galanza wants to be an oncologist. She is active in sports – track, volleyball, and basketball. She is also involved in art, drama and models in San Francisco. Her favorite school subjects are science, math and history. Genesis Cassidy wants to be either a pediatrician or gynecologist. She actually made a video of her younger brother's birth. She likes art, Spanish, English, math and Science. She is active in her church group and in sports (swim team and captain for her softball team). **Please join us at the ice cream social on May 15 and meet these terrific young women.**



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Local Scholarships Committee is pleased to announce the four recipients of the PHAAUW \$500 scholarships for 2010. There were nine applicants and from them we chose two young women from DVC and two from College Park HS. The DVC winners are ***Kajal Shahali and Latoiche Adams.***

Kajal is Iranian. She came to the US without her parents when she was 17. She plans to attend Berkeley pursuing peace and conflict studies. She has worked full time while attending DVC and hopes to continue her education through Graduate School in the east where she can be close to the UN.

Latoiche has been accepted at Sacramento State where she plans to pursue a degree in Social Work. She lives in Vacaville and is raising two sons. Due to personal problems and the children it has taken her 5 years to complete her work at DVC. She is a student in the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services program at DVC. She is very motivated and goal oriented.

Our two scholarship winners from College Park High are ***Kie Shidara and Jenna McBee.***

Kie has been very active in HS and has a GPA of 4.214. She plans to attend the University of Chicago and go on to become a Doctor specializing in Sports Medicine. She was proud to be a Tech Trek winner when she was in 7th grade.

Jenna has been accepted at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She is a member of the PH Aquatics Swim Team and plays water polo. She was also Senior Class vice-president. Her field of study

will be communications.

All our applicants had top grades, lots of leadership experience and worthy goals. It was a difficult task to choose four. **We know you will enjoy meeting our winners at the Ice-cream Social on May 15.**



INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Because this edition of the N.E.W.S. is for May and June, several interest sections have given you both months' activities. June events are in italics!



**** BRIDGE**

Monday Night – On Monday evening 7P, May 3rd, we'll be playing regular monthly bridge at Suzanne Mesetz' in Rossmoor.
Monday eve, June 7th, 7P, we'll play at Janet Sullivan's.

The Grand Slammers  will meet on May 10 (Monday) at 12:30 at the Rossmoor home of Suzanne Mesetz. If you would like to play, please let Gayle Garrison (798-7528) know and we can arrange car pools. Ask Suzanne and Shirlee about their 5 clubs bid when we played in April...none of us have seen such a great hand. We have fun and invite all players to join us. Each one contributes \$3.00 for Local Scholarship.

Marathon *On Saturday, June 5, we will end our marathon bridge year with a potluck salad luncheon at 11 am at the home of Elizabeth DiPietro, 606 Old Vine Ct., PH. 925-210-0281*



**** IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on

Wednesday, May 12th, 10 am at Marti Martin's. Our topic will be, "Describe the Perfect Vacation." Maybe it is one you've already experienced, or one about which you've long fantasized. Tell us! We hope to see you ~ come and listen if you can't write anything.

Wednesday, June 9th, we will meet at a restaurant to be decided later. We won't be writing anything and this will be our last meeting until September. If you want to come to lunch, even if you haven't attended any of the previous meetings, just call Marlene (689-5439) to find out where we're meeting, and plan to join us!



**** NIMBLE FINGERS** will meet on

May 13, at 10:00 am at the home of Judi Hamberg, 414 Isabel Drive, Martinez, 370-1064. Please let Judi know if you will be coming.

In April, at the home of Sarah Dunlop, we enjoyed looking at all of Sarah's wonderful needlepoint, painted china and porcelain. Thank you Sarah. Bring your cross stitch, crocheting, knitting, needlepoint or whatever. We had it all in April.



**** MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, 5 May, 10 am, at Jean Hambleton's. Our discussion will be on Stieg Larrson's The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. The author wrote 3 books featuring the same protagonist before he died. This is a mystery with a lot more to it than just "who dunnit?" Please join us for a great book discussion.
Wednesday, 2 June, 11:30 am at Brookview Clubhouse we will meet for a potluck luncheon to end the year. Marlene and Ish will hostess the luncheon. Food signups will be taken at the May meeting and/or by phone/email. There will no book to discuss, but we might have a quiz.



**** EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday 24 May, 6 pm, at a restaurant to be named later!! We will be discussing Gail Collins When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to Present. You will marvel at some of the examples of the "oppression" of women. We lived through those times! Please come!

We will not be meeting in June. Our next meeting will be in September, so watch your N.E.W.S. for the book selection.



BOOK EXCHANGE - 1st CALL

This is your annual opportunity to join the BOOK EXCHANGE! Read up to 12 hardbacks published in 2010 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!) Reserve your Titles - and your places in the Exchanges - now. We should begin exchanging books by October 1st.



**** MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, 27 April. Call Marlene (689.5439) if you are planning to attend, or if you have any good suggestions for a movie. We always discuss the movie after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.
We will go to the movies on Thursday, 24 June. As usual, please call Marlene (689-5439) if you are planning to attend, or have a suggestion for a movie. We will continue through the summer.

Membership Matters

Margi Alkire and Suzanne Salter
We are glad to hear that MarY Shipley is recovering from her fall off a ladder in April, cleaning her eaves. (Some people never learn!) So we send her our wishes that her bruises will soon be healed.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Debbie Byrne 925-671-2257
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REMEMBER IT IS TIME to renew your membership in PHAAUW.

\$83.00 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011
\$49 National ---\$46 is tax deductible
\$16 AAUW-CA
\$18 Pleasant Hill Branch

- ✓ You may pay by check (made out to PH AAUW)

Mail to: Suzanne Salter,
275 Appalachian Dr.
PH 94523
or

- ✓ Credit card at:
AAUW.org - Member Center
log in with your membership number, go to renew...etc.
Note: If you pay on-line, let Suzanne know (seabear2@msn.com)

Also, this is the time to make donations to the Barbara Newachek Fund. Just send a check to Suzanne.

MEMBERS TAKE CARE OF MEMBERS

My Dear Friends at AAUW, Thank you for helping me through these most difficult times. Your cards and kind remarks were more important than you may know. I also want to thank all of you who attended Dick's service. I thought the service was an outpouring of love and friendship. Thanks so much.

Sandy Wolfe



Membership (con.)

(to make sure our records are correct, please fill in this form)



Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Do you want included:

Cellphone _____

Email address _____

Spouse's name _____

Any changes to your educational information? _____



MORE THANK YOU'S

Alana, Lynne and I would like to thank everyone who helped with, participated in and, of course, purchased items from the EF Silent Auction Event. Everyone had a very good time and over \$1200 was raised for EF. Susanne Rheingruber

MEMBERSHIP MEANS MORE THAN PAYING YOUR DUES

Where were you? If you have not attended the last meeting or so, we of the Program Committee would like to know the reason. We welcome your participation on the committee with the hope that we will make the programs more to your liking, education, and information. We want to see you participate in the monthly programs. What you have to say is important. We have tried this last year to introduce a variety of women speakers, but when they come we need your participation. LET US HEAR FROM YOU. and we will not have to ask where were you.

Ginny and Jeanette
Program Committee 2010-2011

COMMUNITY – Jill Anderson

Star Quest 2010

18th Annual Youth Talent Show
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill
Saturday May 1st 7:00 PM
Sunday May 2nd 2:00 PM
DVC Performing Arts Theatre
For more info 682-0896

Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market

The Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market opens on Saturday, May 1, with a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 8. The market will be held every Saturday from 8 am until 12 pm at the new location on Crescent Drive in front of Century Theaters in Downtown Pleasant Hill.

10th Annual Sunvalley Golf Classic

Monday, May 10th
Contra Costa Country Club
Pleasant Hill Community Foundation to



benefit youth grants
For more info 687-8610

Chamber of Commerce May Mixer

Wednesday, May 12 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Chateau's 1 & 2 at 2770 Pleasant Hill Road

PUBLIC POLICY – Marlene Maksel

It is an honor for AAUW that Senator Fran Pavley has asked AAUW to co-sponsor SB 929 ~ a bill that would ban Cadmium from children's jewelry. This bill would protect toddlers and young children from Cadmium, a toxic metal found increasingly in children's jewelry.

Since lead was banned as toxic, Cadmium has increasingly been replacing lead in jewelry, particularly in products coming from China.

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, Cadmium does not have to be ingested by children for them to be exposed to the metal. Biting or sucking on the jewelry item can result in high levels of exposure to the element. It is No. 7 on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's priority list of 275 most hazardous substances in the environment.

Cadmium is associated with potential developmental deficiencies, including delayed sensory-motor development, hormonal effects and altered behavior.

Please let your State Senator know of our concerns!

EDUCATION – Kit Hein

At the April general meeting of PHAAUW the membership voted to endorse MDUSD Facilities Bond Measure – Measure C – on the June ballot. Please give this issue more than just your endorsement. The following message comes from the Protect Our Local Schools campaign. Read it carefully and call Kit Hein to tell her where you can offer that little bit extra to support our schools.

Thank you for all the hard work and support you provided our local schools last year in our effort to pass Measure D. We're all proud of everything we did, and we know we can't stand by as state cuts continue to impact our schools.

This year, we have another chance to help our schools by passing Measure C, a local school bond measure that will be in front of local voters on the June 8, 2010 primary election. We need your help!

Please visit www.protectourlocalschools.org to learn about the details, then endorse, donate or sign up to phone bank and walk.

Measure C will fund projects at every school in our district. Visit mdusd.org -, select the "community" tab and then select "June 2010 Bond Measure C" for a full listing by school site of proposed Measure C projects.

A NEW AAUW - Go to AAUW's new website and look for the "AAUW Experience." It's an innovative virtual tour of AAUW. Starting in our town square, you can see the sights yourself or hear from one of our guides, who will get you started in each building. It's easily accessible and fun to use, and you'll see AAUW in a fresh, new way! (For a complete "experience," make sure your computer's speakers are on.)
AAUW's New Website It's been completely redesigned for easy navigation with a contemporary look and feel and quick links to our online communities: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Second Life.
www.AAUW.org

May 2010

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Membership – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW is open to all graduates of two year accredited colleges with AA degrees and/or accredited four year colleges or universities. In principle and practice AAUW values and supports diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.