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Pleasant Hill Branch N.E.W.S.

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

TITLE IX – GENDER EQUITY NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE

JOIN US FOR KOFFEE AND A DANISH

Saturday, February 19

10 AM

Brookview Clubhouse
Monument Blvd., Concord



A February KOFFEE KLATCH is coming. This month's meeting will have a Dutch Flare. You will sit and enjoy a Danish while we listen to Elizabeth Kristen, AAUW member and Senior Staff Attorney and Director of the K-12 Gender Equity Program at the Legal Aid Society–Employment Law Center. Among her many responsibilities she engages in community education, negotiations, litigation and policy work on behalf of female students who have not been afforded equal athletic opportunities under Title IX.

Passed on June 23, 1972, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, states “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance...” (Wikipedia)

As an educational organization of women we should make it our duty to recognize the need of Title IX for our young daughters and grandchildren.



If we know the subject we can be of help to our families and others.
Have a sip of Koffee and learn about the Title IX Equity Project for K-12.



And we want you to be part of the entertainment. A display will be made of photos from members of our own sports endeavors. Please send your photos  to Ginny Hargrave, email: ggh77@sbcglobal.net or snailmail: 52 Rolling Green Circle, PH. This can be a team picture, or just you in your gym outfit. Be a sport and share some fun with fellow members.

There will be a prize for the member who can recognize the most members' pictures.



Presidential Duo Report

Last issue, we mentioned the Association Convention in Washington D. C. in June, but don't forget our own State Convention at the Marriott Irvine beginning Friday, April 8th and ending Sunday, April 10th. The deadline for registering is fast approaching ~ **February 15, 2011**. There will be 5 dynamic speakers throughout the convention ~ one will be Lily Ledbetter. As usual, there are lots of interesting workshops. And, election of officers and directors. Visit www.aauw-ca.org for more information.

The City of Pleasant Hill will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Local organizations are planning events to commemorate the anniversary. Does anyone have ideas on how our branch might have a celebration honoring the City? Martin Nelis, Public Information Officer, is anxious to coordinate a calendar of dates, so give us your ideas.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting on Saturday, the 19th, when we will learn more about Title IX. Elizabeth Kristen is an attorney who is well versed on the subject and can answer all of your questions.

The Duo

2011-2012 Board Nominations

The nominating committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2010-2011:

Co-Presidents: Kathy Searles and Marilyn Thelan

Membership V.P.s: Reba Siero and Marti Martin

Program V.P.s: Gretel Holit, Sally Whitsett, and Ginny Hargrave

V. P. Education Fund: Marlene DeLaurenti and Alana MacDonald

V.P. LAF.: Pat Harris

Secretary: Joy Barden

Treasurer: Jill Anderson

Elections will be held at our March meeting.

Nominations may also be made from the floor. Prior consent of the proposed nominee is required. The branch is grateful to the hard-working Nominating Committee: Alana MacDonald, Jean Hambleton, Ginny Hargrave, Ish Mendonza, Reba Siero and alternates Marilyn Tubbs and Shelley Jacobson.

2010– 2011 Leadership Team

Presidents:

Jean Hambleton 798-2344

Marlene Maksel 689-5439

Vice Presidents Program:

Ginny Hargrave 798-2370

Jeannette Holmes 942-0801

Vice Presidents – EF:

Waiting for a volunteer

Vice President's Membership:

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Vice President – LAF:

Kathy Searles 228-5700

Secretary:

Gayle Garrison 798-7528

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other branch information can
always be found at*

<http://www.phaauw-ca.org>

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



** **MORNING BOOKS** will meet on Wednesday, 2 February, 10 am, at Jessie Inouye's. We will be discussing *Night Train to Lisbon* by Pascal Mercier. One reviewer says it is a book in which poetry and philosophy are intimately intertwined ~ another says it is a clever novel about the search for freedom. Please join us for a great discussion. In March we will be reading Doug Marlett's *The Bridge*.



** **IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on Wednesday, 9 February, 10 am, at Marlene Maksel's. In December and January, we had to cancel our meetings, so our topic is still "Miracles." Have you experienced a miracle, know someone who has, or do you believe in miracles?? Or, it might be a "miracle" if we ever get this topic completed!! Even if you don't want to write anything, come and hear what others have written. We hope to see you!



** **NIMBLE FINGERS** will be on Thursday, February 8, 2011 at 10:00AM at the home of Nancy Schwemberger, 1280 Panorama Dr., Lafayette. Please let Nancy know if you can come. 284-7097 or schwemm@juno.com. Parking is a problem so we will carpool from Janet Sullivan's house. Call Janet to let her know you're coming or be there no later than 9:45am.



** **MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on Thursday, 24 February. We usually attend a matinee at a local theatre. 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.



** BRIDGE

The Grand Slammers

Call Gayle Garrison for details on Grand Slammers on Feb. 14 at 12:30. 798-7528 or e-mail



** **EVENING BOOKS** will meet on Monday 28 February, 7 pm at Lynn Murphy's. We will be discussing *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. This is a magnificent story about the building of a cathedral in England. One reviewer says it is a towering triumph from a major talent. See you there??!

February in Women's History

(blatantly copied from About.com)

February 2:

962: [Saint Adelaide](#) crowned empress of the Holy Roman Empire with her husband, Otto I

1650: Nell Gwyn born (actress, mistress of Charles II)

1905: [Ayn Rand](#) born
"If there's one thing I have learned by personal experience and by observing people around me, it's that a person's life actually starts from about 35 on."

Membership Matters

Suzanne Salter & Marti Martin

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest member. Please add her information to your directory:

Sharon Eklund (Bill)
126 Northcreek Circle
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
(925) 935-9274

E-Mail: sharon eklund@astound.net
Sharon holds a B.A. from Northwestern University and an MBA from the University of New Mexico.

We are happy to tell you that Pleasant Hill AAUW is now 100 members strong! If you know someone who would be a great AAUW member, please invite her to join you at an interest section or activity or give her contact information to Suzanne or Marti.

Thank you



I was very moved by all of your kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of my mother. Every call and every card was greatly appreciated. My mother lived a long, pain-free life and had all of her mental faculties right to the end ~ and for that I am very thankful. Thanks to all of you. Marlene Maksel

SAVE THE DATES

Human Trafficking Here and Around the World

Sr. Caritas Foster, SHF

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

7:00 pm



Bridge and Game Playing Afternoon to benefit Education Fund (LAF arm)

March 30, 2011

12:15 p.m.

Community

Jill Anderson

Pleasant Hill's 50th Anniversary

The City of Pleasant Hill is celebrating its 50th year in 2011 and we're planning a huge celebration! The City was officially incorporated on November 14, 1961. The 50th Committee is planning various programs and events including the following:

- An Essay Competition in local Schools
- Art Competition for local Elementary Schools
- Oral History Project at Rodgers Ranch involving students and long-time residents
- Historical Booklet – 50 Years of Pleasant Hill
- 50th Anniversary Float in the Fourth of July Parade
- An Historical Art & Photographic Exhibit at City Hall
- "A Day in the Life of Pleasant Hill" photographic contest

These are some of the many activities that are currently being planned by the 50th Anniversary Committee. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs or events, or wish to suggest other activities to the committee in celebration of the City's 50th Anniversary, please contact Martin Nelis, Public Information Officer, 925-671-5229 or mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or by phone at (925) 671-5229.

Pleasant Hill Library Fund Survey

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation is now mentoring the Pleasant Hill Library Fund as it supports fundraising, advocacy and increasing community awareness of the educational and cultural resources of the library. PHLF is interested in learning from the community what priorities should be given to funds that are raised during a fund raising campaign. Please give your feedback and take a few moments to complete the survey on the survey website.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T8BMFLN>

Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Wednesday, February 16th

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Farrington's Bar - Contra Costa Blvd.

AAUW NEWS AND EVENTS

AAUW Election Materials Online

Visit the One Member, One Vote section of AAUW's website for complete details on this year's historic AAUW election. For the first time ever, all current AAUW members in good standing will be able to vote in the election.

<http://listsrv.aauw.org/t/49546/1220759/455/0/9/>

AAUW Researcher Addresses ASTE Conference

AAUW Senior Researcher Andresse St. Rose will give the keynote presentation, "Breaking through Barriers: How Research Can Inform Science Education" at the annual conference of the Association for Science Teacher Education in Minneapolis, January 20 - 22. The presentation will highlight the findings from AAUW's report "Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics".

The Gift of Membership

Winter is sometimes overlooked as a time of graduations, but you can still give an AAUW membership through AAUW's Give a Grad a Gift program. This program enables members to give a free one-year national AAUW membership to recent college graduates -- at no cost to you or them!

<http://listsrv.aauw.org/t/49546/1220759/385/0/37/>

Spotlight on STEM

Looking for the most up-to-date information on STEM activities? Read the latest edition of the newsletter highlighting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. E-mail stem@aauw.org to subscribe to the newsletter.

<http://listsrv.aauw.org/t/49546/1220759/629/0/40/>

OTHER BRANCH EVENTS

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW
Annual Educational Foundation dinner
with
Educational Fellowships speaker
Tam Ma

Scott's Walnut Creek
Tuesday, February 22nd,
5:30 p.m.

co-meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma Society-
Zeta Zeta Chapter of Women Educators.



Tam Ma, the daughter of a Vietnamese boat person, is in her third year of law school at UC Berkeley and a judicial extern for the Hon. Kimberly Mueller, US Magistrate Judge of the eastern district of California. Ms. Ma was also featured in the fall issue of the California AAUW newsletter, *Perspective*. Prior to working for Judge Mueller, Ms. Ma was a policy consultant to state senator Sheila Kuehl.

Menu choice: 1. Imperial Salmon (mascarpone cheese and spinach, leek and lemon cream sauce) 2. Sliced Chicken Sienna (wild mushrooms, leeks and fontina cheese, toasted poppy seed-Dijon beurre blanc) (Vegetarian is also an option) Fresh lemon tart for dessert.

Mail checks made out to DKG for \$33.50 with meal selection to:

DKG Reservations, P. O. Box, 551, Alamo, CA 94507.

Reservations need to be post marked by February 16. Contact Pat at 831-8518 if you have any questions.

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Morning Books 10AM 	3	4	5
6	7	8 Nimble Fingers 10AM Photos to Ginny for Koffee Klatch	9 In Indelible Ink 10AM	10	11	12
13	14 Grand  Slammers 12:30PM	15 Registration deadline – CA- AAUW Convention	16 Chamber Mixer 5:30PM	17	18	19 <u>Koffee Klatch</u> <u>TITLE IX</u> <u>10am</u>
20	21	22 D-A-WC EF Funds Speaker 5:30PM	23	24 Matinee Idle 	25	26
27	28 Evening Books 7PM					

Save the Dates: Mar. 16 Program: Human Trafficking; Mar. 30 EFFund: Bridge & Games



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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.