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AAUW/DKG Dinner Meeting



Date: Tuesday, February 26th
Place: Scott's Garden Room
Time: 5:30 Social
6:00 Dinner & Speaker

Our fellow and speaker for the evening is Priya Mariana Shimpi (below) who is an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Mills College, where she is the director of the Language Development Laboratory. We are looking forward to what she has to say on social and cultural foundations of child development and the role of cultural and environmental experiences in young children's language development.



Please send \$35.00 made out to DKG to Denise Dolan no later than February 23rd with your menu choice:

#1 Grilled Salmon

#2 Chicken Parmesan

#3 Vegetarian.

Dessert, tea, coffee, and bread included!

DKG/AAUW RESERVATIONS:

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

Name _____

Phone _____ **Menu Choice: Salmon Chicken Vegetarian (circle one)**

Organization _____



Il Messaggero

Co-Presidents Marilyn Thelen & Janice Walker

Our Soup/Supper, with 70 people in attendance, was a night filled with delicious soups and desserts along with an entertaining and informative presentation on the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition given by Co-Membership VP Elena Noble. From establishing a date to clearing the tables, many hands made this night possible, including our Program VP's Shelley Jacobson and Sherry Moore, along with Chairs Eileen Bordenave, Elizabeth De Pietro and Bea Ball, assisted by Kit De Gear, Laurel Gaiser and Carole Larson. Special thanks is extended to them and to all who assisted in some way toward making this another successful AAUW evening.

If you attended the Soup/Supper you know that our Tech Trek program was awarded a \$500 grant from the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation. Once again our goal is to send 4 girls from our local middle schools to Tech Trek camp, a week-long math and science oriented camp scheduled for the end of June. To help provide information and to give the girls an opportunity to meet their fellow campers, IBC hosts a get-acquainted social early in June. This year our branch, along with the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch, is in charge of organizing this event. If you're looking for a one time opportunity to assist our branch, here it is; a chance to be involved and to help kindle the desire of learning in young women. Let us know if you can do it!

By now you should have received the Winter 2013 issue of *AAUW Outlook*. Along with your issue was the Every Member Survey. Your responses to this survey will help shape the programs and activities of our organization on the national level. You can complete the form online (address is at the top of the survey) or mail the completed form in the accompanying envelope. Deadline is April 2, but do it now to make sure your opinions will be counted.

By now we hope you've gotten your 2013 calendar and have added our AAUW dates. Sherrie Moore has done an outstanding job listing all of our functions on our branch website. Check out the dates, mark them on your calendar, then be sure to join us for good times that include information and connections! Our next event is a joint meeting February 26 at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek featuring one of AAUW's educational fellows. See more details about this meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. Hopefully you will be able to join us.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
Rolling Green Club House
7 PM

Membership Matters

Reba Siero and Elena Noble VP's



Do you know anyone who is thinking of joining our branch? If you do, now is a good time to encourage them as they can get a deal on dues two different ways. If they join before March 15th, there is a 50% discount, or dues for a total of just \$41.50 through June 30th of 2013. Or, if they join after March 15th, they can get 15 months of membership for the price of 12 months, or \$83 good until June of 2014. So think about it, and encourage that friend who has been procrastinating, that now is a good time to join us and save a few dollars as well. Give any contact information to Reba or Elena:

rebasiero@yahoo.com or enoble4@astound.net

Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website

Marilyn Tubbs and Sherrie Moore



The January Soup Supper was again a very popular event. Please look for the photos on our website. Do you need to find the date and time for an event? Check the Programs page. Have you missed reading any of the serial written by the "In Indelible Ink" interest section? Find them all in the current and previous recent Newsletters.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the About Us page.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS



**BRIDGE

Evening Bridge – Monday, February 4th, 7P at Suzanne Mesetz' home in Lafayette! I'll remind everyone!



Middle of the Road Bridge

We are not beginners anymore! If you are not a beginner or an expert this group is for you. We meet at various members' homes on the **second Friday of the month at 12:30**. We will play **Feb. 8th** at Marlene De Laurenti's home and **March 8th** at the home of Patricia Harris. Call or email the hostess to RSVP.



**MORNING BOOKS will meet on

Wednesday, February 6th, 10 am, at Beth Madruga's. We will be discussing our classic, *Rebecca*, by Daphne Du Maurier. This is such a well-known book, that little need be said about it ~ but, we will be looking at all of the memorable characters. Some naïve, some good and some evil! In March we will be reading books by mystery writers Penny Warner, Juliette Blackwell, Ann Parker and Carol Price. Please join us for a great discussion!



** WALKING WOMEN is going to

settle into a regular schedule. Because a 5th Tuesday now and then confuses things, we are going to walk on the **2nd and 4th** Tuesdays of each month. So, this month it will be **Feb. 12th and 26th**. On the 12th, we will meet at my house and walk south on the Iron Horse Trail. Please call, or email, Marlene Maksel, if you are planning to be there so we won't go off without you!!!



** CULTURAL CONNECTION will

not tour in February. If you are interested in this section, please let Marlene Maksel know of your interest.



** **LUNCHIN' LADIES** will have lunch on **Friday, February 15th, 1 pm**, at Hilton Hotel's new dining room, Plate & Vine. Please call, or email, Marlene before the 12th so reservations can be made. Come with suggestions for other places to have lunch.



** **IN INDELIBLE INK** will meet on **Wednesday, February 13, 10 am**, at Maxine Walden's. Our topic will be to write about any experience you've had as a Senior ~ good or bad. If you're not a Senior Citizen ~ write a fictional event, or one that happened to a Senior you know. We would love to hear your story and we like hearing **oral** versions, too! We don't critique your writings, so there is no pressure. Please come!



** **EVENING BOOKS** will meet on **Monday, February 25th, 7 pm**, at Georgette Armstrong's. We will be discussing *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See. This story is a chilling tale about Mao's "Cultural Revolution" and its consequences. It is a sequel to *Shanghai Girls*. Please join us for a great discussion.



** **MATINEE IDLE** will go to the movies on **Thursday, February 28th**. 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 movie after over coffee or other liquid refreshment.



**GENEOLOGY

Mark your calendars ladies. Here are some great opportunities to expand your genealogy knowledge and have some fun while doing it.

Sat., April 20, 2013 - Sonoma County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring Barbara Renick www.sgs.org

Sat., May 4, 2013, - San Mateo County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring D. Joshua Taylor www.smcgs.org

May 8-11, 2013 - National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held at the LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

Community

Martinez

Harriett Burt

Still the season for crabfeeds!

Saturday, February 9, Annual Historical Society Crab Feed  **Martinez** at the Shell Club House on Pacheco Avenue at Arreba Street. Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact Marlene Thompson at 925-228-7065 or Annie Holter at 925-372-8710 for tickets.

Saturday, February 9, Soroptimist International of Martinez Crab Feed at the Oakwood Athletic Club in Lafayette. Tickets are \$45 per person. Call June Rogers at 925-228-2302 for tickets or more information.

February 9 – Downtown Wine & Chocolate Stroll: From 2 to 5:30 p.m. downtown businesses will offer samples of chocolate. Tickets - \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, available at downtown stores or online at www.mainstreetmartinez.org.  Martinez wine and various

February 12 – State of the City Breakfast: Tickets cost \$25 and may be reserved by contacting the Martinez Chamber of Commerce at 925-2345 or Joyce@martinezchamber.com. Mayor Rob Schroder will report on the state of the city and MUSD superintendent Rami Muth will talk about the state of the school district. Reservation deadline is February 7

Now through February 15 – City Photo Contest: The City is working on its 2013-2015 biennial budget and is seeking photographs that illustrate the beauty, character and charm of Martinez. High resolution digital pictures in a landscape format submitted with a description of where and when taken should be submitted by February 15 to mtzphotos@cityofmartinez.org. Winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting and will receive byline credit in the budget. 

Ongoing Events and Activities:

Martinez Farmers' Market- Main Street, Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 
Second Saturday Martinez Memories Brown Bag Lunch: Martinez Museum 1005 Escobar St. 11:30 a.m.
Honor a Veteran by purchasing a brick for the Memorial Walkway at the Veterans Memorial Building, 930 Ward Street, Martinez. Contact Carl Edwards at 925-372-0133 or George May at 925-825-7761.

History Museums in Martinez: **Martinez Museum** www.martinezhistory.org or 228-8160 open Tues & Thurs from 11:30 to 3 p.m. and 1st through 4th Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Escobar & Court Streets; **Shell Museum** open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am . to noon at the east end of the parking lot at Pacheco Blvd and Arreba Street. **Contra Costa County History Center's** new location is 724 Escobar Street between Estudillo and Ferry Streets. Open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and third Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 925-229-1042 or www.cocohistory.org

Pleasant Hill

Marlene Maksel

E-Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, February 2nd, 9 am to 1 pm

DVC on Golf Club Road in P. H. 

Mayor's Breakfast

Thursday, February 7, 7:30 - 9 pm 

Back Forty Texas BBQ

Call 687-0700 for reservations

40th Annual Lion's Crab Feed

Saturday, February 9, 6 – 10 pm 

P. H. Senior Center

Cooperating with the P. H. Dolphins Swim Team All the crab, pasta and salad you can eat ~ \$50 Raffles, music, door prizes, silent auction and dancing! Tickets can be obtained by calling Ken at 687-0858, or Rec & Park District office at 682-0896.

Here is another way to **help our Fair Oaks School** : collect Betty Crocker Education coupons to get items for the students/school. Please collect them and I will be happy to take them to Fair Oaks.

Thanks for your support.

Muriel Fry mnrfr@comcast.net

Legal Advocacy Fund

Patricia Harris

Early this year Reba Siero, Kit Hein and I went to see this movie in San Francisco. It is sad, maddening, informative and excellent.

The Invisible War Available on DVD

The documentary The Invisible War, an award-winning film about military sexual assault that features several LAF-supported plaintiffs, is now available to rent from Netflix and to purchase

from  Amazon.

This important film was recently listed as the 10th movie and the only documentary on Time's top 100 movies of 2012. It is nominated for the Independent Spirit Awards' best documentary, and it's rumored to be on the short list for an Academy Award nomination.



The Northern LAF Luncheon will be March 16, 2013 at the Embassy Suites, 150 Anza Blvd, Burlingame. Watch for details on the CA-AAUW website.



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Marilyn Tubbs and Elena Noble

The Start Smart program has wonderful news. On January 23rd Saint Mary's College will be hosting a salary negotiation workshop for students followed by a facilitator training for staff of SMC and The Maritime Academy. **Annie Houle**, the **National Director of the WAGE Project** will be here in California to conduct the class. If you have been following our news, this has been a work in progress for about a year. With the help of AAUW Members Deana Vick Davidson (OML), Elaine Goen, (Concord), and Patty Bishop Career Director at Saint Mary's, our goal to reach as many career women as possible is coming to pass. Since this briefing is coming out before the workshop, stay tuned next month for a follow-up on how our Start Smart Training went.

In an on-going effort to reach as many local students as possible we continue to introduce ourselves as AAUW members and promote the WAGE Project. So, if you know someone who works for DVC, Los Medanos or any of the other colleges nearby, let us know and we will do our best to contact them.

March and April Programs



Penny Warner Ann Parker Juliet Blackwell Carole Price

Saturday, March 16th, 11:30 am

NorCal Sisters in Crime -

Author panel luncheon

El Tapatio Restaurant

40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill



Wednesday, April 17th, 7 pm

Joan Morris - Contra Costa Times

Columnist

Brookview Clubhouse

SILVER JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The San Francisco AAUW branch will offer scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year: 2013-2014. Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100-mile distance of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study for June 2014. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications are due by April 30, 2013.

If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee Fund information on the AAUW San Francisco website at: <http://www.aaufsf.org>

Pat Camarena (Silver Jubilee Scholarship Chair) at: tappat157@aol.com

AAUW Mission & Action

Have You Registered for Convention Yet?

The best-value rate ends February 3! Don't miss this opportunity to take part in our exciting national convention at the best possible rate. You'll be wowed by the speakers, invigorated by the workshops, and make new lifelong AAUW friends from across the country. Plus, pre- and post-convention tours of one of the most charming cities in the United States give you an excuse to come early and stay later! So, climb aboard the streetcar named AAUW and laissez les bons temps rouler!



Coming Soon! New AAUW Logo and Website

For the first time in more than 20 years, AAUW is unveiling a new logo. You can see it — and our brand-new website! — when we launch them both on February 20. Customized state and branch logos will be available to state and branch officers in March, along with a host of tools and resources you can use to update your materials easily, efficiently, and cost-effectively. In the meantime, check the current website <http://listsrv.aauw.org/> regularly for more logo news.



AAUW on Campus

2013 NCCWSL Registration Opens February 1

February 1 is a red-letter day for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Why? Early-bird registration opens! Students can register and also apply for a NCCWSL national scholarship to cover their registration costs. Members can send students locally or donate to the NCCWSL funds to ensure that great young women can participate, even if they can't afford it on their own. Support NCCWSL to invest in our leaders of tomorrow!



Student Organizations Connect Branches to Colleges

In just one year, students at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, formed an AAUW student group, presented a workshop at NCCWSL and expanded their membership. This semester the students will continue to partner with their local AAUW branch. Learn how you can encourage local college students to form an AAUW student organization. Go to the AAUW.org website for all of these articles and more.



Last Minute Miscellaneous

The Lamorinda Family Center

presents

Navigating Adolescence: Sex, Drugs, Facebook and . . .

Sunday, February 10

5 PM Purchase dinner from El Paiso Taco
6 PM Presentation and Children's Activity

"One of the things you need to do with adolescents is really enter into their world, because it is so profoundly different, both cognitively and emotionally, than the world of children or adults," explains renowned adolescent psychotherapy expert Dr. Madeline Levine.

Levine will help demystify the years that tend to keep so many parents awake at night.

Advance tickets are \$12 for adults (18 yrs +) and free for children.
Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 per adult.

The Stratford at Countrywood Senior Living

Call 925-932-9910

Educational Webinar Screening and Lunch
Presented by Stanford School of Medicine and Stanford Geriatric Center

Feb. 6 - Depression, Delirium and Dementia:
Similarities and Differences

Feb. 20 - Pain Control & Medications

March 6 - Using Interpreters with Dementia Patients

March 27 - Evidence Based Interventions for Dementia Family Caregivers

April 3 - Culture, Home and Community Based Services for Dementia Patients

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A SMILE SAID IT ALL (Summer, 2012)

Serial written by the members of
Pleasant Hill-Martinez AAUW
In Indelible Ink Interest Section

(Scene 5 -- Marlene Maksel)

As she raced out onto the street, Judi looked both ways, up and down. She couldn't see the ambulance, but decided it must be going to Presbyterian Hospital. She shifted the package under her arm and stepped out to hail a cab.

A cab pulled up immediately and Judi jumped in and said, "I'm off to see the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

"You got it lady," replied the cabbie.

Moments later, the taxi pulled up in front of Presbyterian Hospital where the vans, cameras on rails, and hundreds of people milling around proved that the new TV show, "NY Med" was currently being filmed.

"That clever Peter," thought Judi. "Leave it to him to find a way to get on screen -- even the small screen!"

She paid the taxi driver and hurried up the steps, sidestepping the camera crews and their equipment. Inside, Judi rushed up to the desk and announced, "I'm here to see that charlatan Peter O'Toole. Where's the Yellow Brick Road?"

The receptionist at the desk answered, "Right behind you, ma'am! Just keep going until the yellow line runs out and you'll find Mr. O'Toole and that wizard of a doctor, Dr. Oz."

Judi turned around as instructed and rushed down the hall, following the yellow line.

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SAVE THE DATE: March 14 - LAF Luncheon; March 16 - Sisters in Crime



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Membership – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy 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.