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Support our Branch Scholarships for graduating seniors from Acalanes, Cam-polindo, Miramonte High Schools and St. Mary's College by purchasing tickets for the *LUNCH in the VINEYARD* raffle. Encourage your friends to join in the opportunity to win a lunch for six and a tasting of locally grown and made wines.



DRAWING DATE: AUGUST 22

LUNCH in the VINEYARD

A Fundraiser Benefiting Our Local Women Graduates

AAUW Scholarship Program Raffle LUNCH in the VINEYARD 5 Course Luncheon for 6 People at a Moraga Vineyard September 17 or September 24, 2016 (Winner's Choice) Drawing Date: August 22, 2016 \$20 (or 3 for \$50)	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____
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Write checks to: AAUW-OML Community Outreach Fund
and return with the filled-out stubs to:



Maryellen Judson,
825 Reliez Station Rd,
Lafayette, 94549

For more information or to obtain additional tickets to sell to all your friends, contact Maryellen at 925 283-2387

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**SHOWCASE
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 20
CELEBRATING
US!**

WE ARE 60!

and still going strong

with special guest
Nutritionist

JILL WEST

speaking on

**“SIX BEST FOODS
FOR WOMEN
OVER SIXTY”**

*and other tips for
a healthier you no matter
what your age.*

OML is MOVING!

Starting in September 2016
Branch monthly meetings
will be held at the

**ORINDA COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

10 Irwin Way, Orinda

and at a NEW TIME:

9:30 ~ Social time

10-12 ~ Meeting & Program

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... From LAURA'S DESK



Greetings from your newly installed President!

I want to thank you for your vote of confidence. I accepted the position because there was a need and I could fill it. I believe in the mission of AAUW and want to continue to make a difference for all women and girls, especially my granddaughters as they step into adulthood. Another individual has also stepped forward to serve our branch by accepting the position of President-Elect, **Denise Burian**. You may remember she is the individual Mary Leigh asked to hold the paddle for the position for the installation ceremony. One of the reasons that was so entertaining was that I had just been expressing my desire to have Denise as my President-Elect. She will be formally installed after the membership votes at our September meeting. I am so excited to have such a socially conscious and willing partner to provide support in my leadership role. Denise is always willing to contribute and to help out.

It is truly a privilege and honor to be deemed worthy of your trust going forward. A thriving organization with good leadership steps back each year to examine how well they did last year then looks forward to reassess priorities, evaluate the needs of the organization, and set goals to remain vibrant and productive in the coming year. The words from the State Convention come to me once again: This is the time to Recharge, Re-examine, and sometimes Re-invent ourselves as members and leaders in our community. AAUW-OML has always been represented by engaged and enthusiastic members working hard to advance equity for women and girls. We have many examples of our work as testimony in honoring our legacy over the past 60 years.

After the great success of our first STEM workshop in March, the Board of Directors decided to continue to sponsor, along with Saint Mary's College, the one-day event for middle school girls. Our board, at the June meeting, made another tough decision to re-invent Sister-to-Sister under the umbrella of the STEM workshop. This would give our high school girls the opportunity to help with the organizational management and also direct many activities of the day.

Our Scholarship, Tech Trek, Start Smart and AAUW Funds all need our financial support. In order to meet our goals, the board discussed a need to re-examine and determine if we should update our approach to fund raising. The board recognizes the responsibility of our organization as a whole to help raise funds to support efforts that will forward our mission to advance equity for women and girls through *advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research*. A small group of volunteers is being formed to evaluate different approaches and options, which they will then present to the Board.

It is important for all of us to recognize one another and remember to say thank you for your service – “it takes a village.” We only succeed by working together, playing together, and sharing our gifts and resources with our community. It is my hope that each of you as a member will recharge your commitment to our mission and goals. I hope you will join the board with your support – sharing your resources, talents, skills, and friendship in this coming year. Thank you for all your past contributions and a special thanks to Denise for stepping forward to serve as President-Elect.

**Laura Wittenberg,
President**

OML Nominating
Committee News

Just prior to the In/Out Board meeting hosted by **Laura Wittenberg** in June, a member agreed to take on the President Elect position that had not been filled by our committee. “*Oh happy day!*” Many thanks go to **Denise Burian** for stepping forward .

According to our branch bylaws: “A vacancy in the office of president-elect shall be filled by the nominating committee re-convening to nominate a candidate to be elected at the next regular branch meeting.” Our committee re-convened immediately, our vote was unanimous. We presented our recommendation at the June Board meeting and it was warmly accepted.

Now fellow members it is your turn... Denise Burian's name will be submitted for a formal vote at the September 20th Showcase meeting at the Orinda Community Church. See you there!

**Karen Mankowski, Chair,
2016-17 Nominating
Committee**

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Gail Chesler

**June Board Meeting
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FOCUS ON ... TECH TREK & STEM



AAUW Tech Trekkers Thrilled By Their Experiences at Grace Hopper STEM Camp

If you had newspaper, masking tape, and one brief lecture on structural engineering, what would YOU build? Our six Tech Trek girls worked with their dorm teams to design and make a rocket, a windmill and the Golden Gate Bridge! Can you find the structural elements that make these structures strong?

Emilia Gutman, Henel Kaidantzis, Abbie Lee, Shannon Lipp, Hannah Liu and Reese Whipple returned from their week-long Tech Trek camp on the Stanford University campus with glowing reports of fun and learning. Here's what they had to say:

Reese: "This has truly been one of the most amazing experiences in my lifetime... This camp has helped me gain confidence of who I am as a person and that doesn't come around every day." **Abbie:** "For me, the professional women's night was my favorite part. I loved hearing about all their careers and the different paths they took to get to where they are now." **Shannon:** "Tech Trek opened up so many doors for me. For example, I never knew I liked astronomy, but because of Tech Trek, I learned that I love astronomy and would like to study it in high school and/or college." **Emilia:** "The mouse trap cars were so great [engineering core class]. I got mine to go the farthest. ...We also learned many physics laws and different calculations for engineering." **Hannah:** "I was in the 3D math group....We solved many math puzzles and some were pretty challenging. There was one I loved so much and was difficult... I didn't want to give it up so I used my flashlight [after lights out]. It was around 11:00 pm, I guess, when I finally got the answer! I was very excited and couldn't go to sleep for a long time!" **Helen:** "My favorite part of the week was visiting the VMWare company to see how real life programmers work. This experience really was life changing and I wish I could do it again. I grew in so many ways."

This year, core classes at camp included *Computer Coding and Cyber Sleuthing*, as well as *Marine Biology*, *CSI forensics*, *3D Math*, and *Engineering Design*. At camp, the girls took apart computers, wrote computer code, dissected fish, solved problems using DNA code, measured vitamin C in chemistry lab, built functional robots that did tricks, and attended field trips to a marsh, Symantec, VMWare, the Stanford blood lab, virtual reality lab, and solar car. They also met numerous professional women scientists and engineers, just to mention a few of the activities.

Gail Chesler, Christine Walwyn and Jan Cushman had a wonderful time as dorm moms, keeping track of their groups 24/7 and attending classes and field trips – and even managing to get a few hours of sleep. And **Sara Lautenbach** joined us one morning for a tour of the core classes. This was an incredibly busy week!

Thank you to everyone who has donated their money and their time to supporting our scholarships for these outstanding girls!! With your support, maybe we can send seven girls next year!

MARCH 18, 2017...
**Save this date for our EYH
 STEM Conference
 at Saint Mary's College!**

Early this summer, Heidi and Stacia met with Roy Wensley, Dean of Saint Mary's College of Science. He thanked us for our great program last year and warmly welcomed our AAUW-OML branch program back to campus. SMC looks forward to our second Expanding Your Horizons STEM Conference for middle school girls. Our committee is meeting bi-weekly and appreciates being a new voting member on the board. We look forward to improved communications and additional input from our members at large.

In 2017, our focus is on inviting 150 girls, one-third from underserved communities. This requires adding workshops and reaching out to schools in Oakland and Richmond. All committee members have been asked to fundraise and we welcome ideas from the membership. We are hoping to work Sister-to-Sister concepts into our program. We would like to train young women to help with the conference, thus expanding our influence to include high school girls.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Stacia. *Go STEM!*

Stacia Cragholm,
staciawater@hotmail.com
Heidi Mayer,
himayer@aol.com



JUNE 21 IN/OUT BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Outgoing President, **Gail Chesler**, requested informal reports of recent activities.
- The May Luncheon at Moraga Country Club was very well done and below budget.
 - TechTrek enjoyed its ice cream social with the girls going to camp July with 6 girls and families.
 - Scholarship raffle is really in need of funds in order to continue the Scholarship Funding. The committee is hoping for a good summer flow of raffle ticket donations.
 - It was moved and passed to discontinue the Sister-to-Sister program. The board will discuss remaining disbursement of funds.
 - A motion was made and Denise Burian was accepted as “President-Elect”.
 - Discussion on handling of Historian Books. There are 33 fabulous scrapbooks at the home of K DeGroot. Gail Chesler and Laura Wittenberg plan to scan them to permanent electronic devices. Each year’s book will be given to the president who presided during that calendar year.
 - We will celebrate 60 years of AAUW-OML at the September meeting.

Gail passed the Presidential gavel to Incoming President, **Laura Wittenberg**.

- Membership: Alison MacKenzie will set up a booth and attend Orinda 4th of July in the Community Park. Membership Cards could be made to accompany rosters.
- Publicity: Chris Laszcz-Davis spoke about need of group activity leaders get the information to her 4-6 weeks ahead of the event.
- Hospitality: Gail will speak to the four women involved.
- TechTrek Camp is July 3 with Jan Cushman, Gail Chesler and Christine Wollmer attending.
- Restaurant Walk in Walnut Creek will take place October 11. Shred-Fest earned \$2000 for TechTrek.
- STEM Stacia Craigholm reported St Mary’s College was interested in next year’s program and a set a tentative date of March 18. The committee will consider reaching out to other AAUW branches for participation.
- Scholarship: Mary Ann McLeod reported \$650 in raffle money. Last year twice this amount had been sold so Mary Ann is encouraging all to sell tickets. The committee continue Kaplan testing and a Valentine party of some kind. With three new School “College and Career” counselors we will need extra work with the high school liaisons. The Gail Uilkema fund will permit two scholarship of \$5000 during 2016-17 year and one more \$5000 for 2017-18. Looking at AAUW national emphasis of leadership, possibly the committee will consider leadership with community service as the basic requirement for AAUW-OML Scholarship.
- Start Smart.: No report but Sara Lautenbach had 40 girls at Chico and Marie Bonilla had 25 at DVC in the spring.
- Public Policy: “Closing Gender Leadership Gap” needs in higher education was discussed.
- Priority Groups are reminded to establish budgets for their projects so that expenses can be in categorized.

It was moved to have the August 9 and September 13 Board Meetings at 1:00 pm at the Community Church with the location of future board meetings to be determined later.

Maryellen Judson, Secretary

PUBLIC POLICY

July 19 marked the 168th anniversary of the **Seneca Falls Convention**, the first political convention in American history dedicated to the rights of women. More than 300 women and men joined together to protest the political, economic and social discrimination faced by women at the time. Several resolutions for women’s equality, including a resolution in support of women’s suffrage, were passed.



Though this monumental event served as the seedbed for organized women’s suffrage in America, there is more work to be done. **Think of that....after 168 years there is still work to be done.** Prohibitive voter ID laws as well as many other restrictive actions denying access to the ballot box still exist in many states across the country and continue to keep eligible voters from exercising their civil rights. Voter disenfranchisement predominantly affects women, students and minority populations. With a November election on the horizon, it is imperative that a clear path to the voter box be made available.

Watch for ways that you can add your voice to policy decisions through the *two-minute activist* and by working to get-out-the-vote in November.

**Jan Coe,
Public Policy Co-Director**



AAUW's \$TART \$MART Salary Negotiations Workshop at Chico State

AAUW offers workshops on negotiating fair salaries as part of our overall work to "Close the Pay Gap." On March 30th, our new OML and DAW branches member, **Sara Lautenbach** facilitated a workshop at Chico State with a room of nearly 50 students.



Sara Lautenbach (right) with a recent AAUW scholarship recipient from another California branch.

✓ 72% believe the workshop will have a **'high'** impact on their ability to negotiate a fair salary for themselves and 38% indicated it will have **'some'** impact
Note: The other options were 'a little' or 'no' impact.

✓ 80% indicate they are **'extremely'** likely to implement the ideas/concepts from the workshop and 20% indicate they are **'somewhat'** likely.
Note: the other options are 'not very' or 'not at all' likely to implement.

Pre- and post-workshop surveys indicate a lot was learned. Special appreciation was expressed around the learning about:

- The timing for salary negotiations - ideally deflect the discussion to after an offer,
- How to research and prepare for the negotiation – market info is available on the web – and colleagues and friends can help you understand your unique value, and
- Specific language for use in negotiating.

For more information about the Start Smart (for students) and Work Smart (for women) Salary Negotiation Workshops, see <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/salary-negotiation-workshops/>.



REQUEST FOR YOUR BUDGET INPUT from our NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR!

Hello Program Leaders and Participants,
Behind all the great work we do, there is usually some money changing hands. To capture your best guesses as to how the money movements will occur, your VP Finance (me!) is in need of your budget for the coming fiscal year. Thanks so much for those of you who have already submitted it. Good job!

I understand that for some of you this guessing job is tough because it may be the first time your activity has had a budget. I'm glad to work with you and have even included, below, some line items from last year's budget to help you. It is also true that I really do want and need your input as the Budget Committee prepares the final draft budget for consideration in the next few weeks. The finalized budget will be presented at our September meeting for a vote from the membership - *yes, that's you!*

Please be in touch with me if you need assistance. Please email or snail mail your budget to me by the first Friday in August (that's the 5th). As ever,

Gail Chesler
gailchesler@gmail.com

EXPENSES	PROPOSED BUDGET for last year
MEETINGS	
Hospitality Supplies	350
Program (speaker fees)	1600
April Awards Event	250
May Luncheon	100
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	
Public Policy	50
Community Outreach	50
AAUW Funds	100
MEMBERSHIP	
Membership	400
Gift Membership	100
Distinguished Woman Award	300
Overview/Directory	700
Triad	150
Advertising	100
Website/E-News	400

UPCOMING OML PROGRAMS

The OML Program Committee is off to an exciting start! With two meetings under our belt, we are pleased to offer the membership a great roster for the upcoming season. At **Showcase**, our annual kick-off meeting in September, new OML member and nutritionist, **Jill West**, will present tips on staying healthy after sixty and how to decipher those confusing food labels. In addition, our branch will celebrate 60 years of commitment to our membership and how our many priorities and special interest groups have kept us all involved.

In October, Public Policy will present round table discussions on California's many propositions on the November ballot – **“Does Your Yes Mean No?”** Over the years, this meeting has turned out to be one of our most popular events – an opportunity to figure out how you want to vote with the impartial guidance of the League of Women Voters. It's a program you won't want to miss and a great chance to invite your friends.

In the works for future meetings: Implicit Bias – a panel discussion on how women are really faring in the work force; STEM Conference Interactive – can our membership match the talents and skills of eight grade girls? and International Girls Scouts – there's more out there than just cookies and local projects. Stay tuned!

Pat Beckner & Judy Helder
Program VPs

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

DUES ARE PAST DUE

Your membership in AAUW OML ended June 30, unless you have sent in your renewal for 2016-17. If we have not received your renewal by August 1st, you will be contacted by email from the national MPP electronic payment program, which will allow you to pay online.

- Please send in or pay electronically as soon as possible.
- Please don't make the membership committee chase you down for payment.

Regardless of your participation in OML activities, AAUW needs your support to continue our work for women and girls in our community and in the nation.

New Member

We would like to welcome new member, **Carol Hehmeyer**. She is a graduate of UC and Boalt Hall and is a retired attorney. Carol has an interest in public policy and program planning, so hopefully the program planning committee has contacted her.

Membership Committee Meeting ~ August 13

Speaking of committees, the membership committee will be meeting on Saturday, August 13 at 4 pm for our annual planning meeting. We are actively looking for volunteers to work on the committee. Most of the jobs are short term and easy, so give **Alison Mackenzie** a call or email at alimac2020@gmail.com if you would be willing to get involved.

Alison Mackenzie and Mary Levey,
Membership Co-Chairs



Coming in November: MARKETPLACE. An opportunity for creative OML members to display and sell their work. More on how to sign up in the next issue of the Triad.

IN MEMORIAM ~ PEGGY ELLIOTT

Peggy C. Elliott, long-time Lafayette resident and OML member, passed away in San Luis Obispo, CA, May 14, 2016. Born in 1921 in Oxnard, CA, she attended Beverly Hills High School, Pomona College, and graduated from Oregon State University. Peggy was one of the founding members of the Diablo Home Economists Club, an honored educator in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and an active participant at LOPC. In addition to being an OML-AAUW member, she was an avid reader, knowledgeable gardener, skillful bridge player, accomplished tailor, and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Peggy lived by the motto: *“Bloom where you are planted.”*

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AAUW Association Website: <http://www.oml-ca.aauw.net>
California AAUW Website: www.aauw-ca.org

AD SALES: ENTHUSIASM NEEDED!

The 2016-17 Advertising Campaign is now underway. As we anticipate a new OML year, we review and are extremely appreciative of the business owners who purchase advertising. They help support our work as a local AAUW Branch and thus help promote the AAUW mission.

Advertising is sold for the Membership Directory and the OML Website. Please look at the Advertiser column of names at the right and do two things:

- Make an effort to **support and thank the business owner in person**. The ad contract ends annually in September. The enthusiastic OML members who make these contacts are making renewal requests now. Branch members who advertise with OML likewise renew their contracts.
- Think about the many other businesses that you frequent and would like to see their names included here next year. Call or email me with your suggestions or questions. Our sales team is great, so this is not a commitment to sell; new ideas are welcome and our lifeline to success.

Together we will make difference as the team kicks off ad sales for 2016-17!

Pat Lopker, Advertising Team Coordinator
376-5155 or email califpal@aol.com

A Taste of Walnut Creek 2016

19th Annual Restaurant Walk
The Original Walking Tour of Downtown
Walnut Creek Restaurants

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Proceeds Benefit OML's TECH TREK
Summer Camp Scholarships**

Buy your ticket books from AAUW OML and join your friends for a delightful evening tasting food from over 20 Downtown Walnut Creek Restaurants.

Ticket Books will be available for purchase at SHOWCASE or send checks to **Jan Cushman** before October 10: **143 Meadow View Road, Orinda, CA 94563**.

For more info: 925-253-1958 or jancushman@comcast.net Make your check for \$30 out to: AAUW OML Community Outreach Fund, Inc. (Add \$2 for postage if requesting ticket book be mailed.) **Thank you for your support!!**

Jan Cushman,
Restaurant Walk Coordinator

2015-16 AAUW OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS

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Jewelry by K. de Groot*
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Dudum Real Estate Group
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Persons Plastic & Reconstructive
Surgery – Barbara Persons, MD FACS
Ware Designs – Fine Jewelry

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Laurie Muggee Fitness
Maxine Christison Interior Design –
Maxine Christison*

**Please refer to your current
membership directory for com-
plete advertising information.**

AUGUST at a GLANCE

1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 – MON & THURS – TENNIS
8:15-10 am – Contact Tory Courtney, 376-1295

2 TUES – BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

6 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
6:30 pm at the home of Gail Tsoi
Belgium and Luxembourg
Contact Ksenija Soster-Olmer for more info

8, 22 MON – GOLF
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

9 TUES – BOARD MEETING
1 pm – Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

13 SAT – MEMBERSHIP MEETING
4 pm – Home of Alison Mackenzie
Contact Alison for more info, 683-0538

17 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
Contact Carol Messinger 283-8741

19 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
10:30 am – *Benediction* by Kent Haruf
Meet at the home of Judy Peak, 102 Coral Drive, Orinda
Contact Judy for more info, 376-0540

19 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES
No meeting scheduled for Mary Leigh's group
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694 for more info

24 WED – SEPTEMBER TRIAD DEADLINE
Send articles to Mary Leigh Miller; mlmiller602@gmail.com

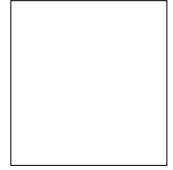
25 THURS – COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION
5-7 pm – Piccolo Napoli (in Theatre Square, Orinda)

29 MON – BIKE GROUP
Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Some Special Interest Groups do not meet in the summer. Check with your coordinator.

AAUW-OML
Database Coord.
52 Wandel Drive
Moraga, CA 94556



SEPTEMBER 2016

Look for more listings in the September Triad

13 TUES – BOARD MEETING
1 pm – Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

20 TUES – SHOWCASE!
9:30 am – Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

NEWS FROM BEYOND OUR BRANCH

The annual (Northern California) Fall AAUW Fund Luncheon will be Saturday, October 29th at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. There will be more information later. This is a fun luncheon at which we'll meet one or more of the AAUW Fellows (grant awardees).

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATORS

If your group decides to meet on a different day or time than normal or if you are no longer meeting, please contact our Calendar Coordinator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the website calendar.