



## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

Social time ~ 9:30 am • Program begins ~ 10 am

**Dr. Beth Burnside**, the former Vice Chancellor for Research and Professor Emerita of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Berkeley, will speak at the AAUW meeting on February 21. Dr Burnside, a past AAUW Fellowship recipient, will discuss the challenges of being a woman in academia and science and what the impact of winning an AAUW Fellowship has meant to her.



Among Dr. Burnside's many accomplishments she was:

- the first woman faculty member in the anatomy department at Penn,
- the first female Dean of Biological Sciences at Cal, and
- the only woman to serve as Vice Chancellor for Research at Cal, where she managed the flow of \$600 million annually in research funding.

Read more about Dr. Burnside's amazing career on page 5.

# Scholarship Fundraiser at Amphora THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 © pm

Amphora Nueva, Purveyor of Fine Olive Oil 7 Fiesta Lane, Lafayette Help support our OML Scholarships.

Enjoy an evening at Amphora in Lafayette, learning about olive oil and balsamic vinegars, while enjoying a light supper. The cost is \$30.

Contact Bonnie Fend at *brfend@sbcglobal.net* for tickets. As this Triad issue goes to press, there are 6 tickets still available.

#### Plus ... CHECK OUT THE FABULOUS RAFFLE PRIZES

Turn to page 5 to learn about the many raffle prizes you can win in connection with this fundraiser.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 21 GENERAL MEETING

International
Program Speaker
BOBBIE PRESTON, M.D.
Chief Operations Officer,
No One Left Behind

Afghan and Iraqi interpreters and support personnel who once sought reforms and democracy for their countries and worked side-by-side with U.S. troops are now targets of the Taliban and ISIL. They were promised by our country that if they were known targets of the Taliban or Daesh (ISIL) they and their families would get visas to come to the United States. Many have worked with our troops for years.

The mission of No One Left Behind is to assist Afghan and Iraqi combat interpreters and their families who have received Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) with resettlement in the United States. Much of this work involves providing assistance, including tutoring in English, for many non-English speaking women on these special visas.

Don't miss this fascinating and moving program. Come find out how some of your Lamorinda neighbors are making a difference in the lives of these new arrivals.

#### ...From LAURA'S DESK



The New Year has certainly started off with a roar! We have a lot going on in the next two months. Our EHY/STEM project is in high gear. Scholarship is preparing for their fundraiser at Amphora. Tech Trek, and EHY/STEM are busy getting recruiting middle school girls, and the Scholarship Committee is accepting applications.

Then came the Women's March last weekend. What an exciting and moving experience! I woke to a text message

and photo of my daughter marching in St. Louis. I was so moved by the whole experience that I shared the message with 10 of our members at the Walnut Creek march. As we walked we received messages from friends and relatives who participated from all over the country. There were OML members in Oakland and San Francisco as well. My own granddaughter was not able to join a march, but chose to join AAUW as an E-Student Affiliate and to attend NCCWSL to show her support for the movement.

The message that moved me the most was from **Ksenija Soster-Olmer** sharing her daughter's comments on why she marched with her father in San Francisco. "When I was a little girl, my father used to take me to a memorial in Wenceslaus Square in Prague for Jan Palach and Jan Zajíc, two students who set themselves on fire to protest the Russian invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia. ... Yesterday, my dad came to Civic Center to stand in solidarity with thousands of people and to stand for the liberty and rights of ALL people. I am proud to stand with the millions of others who declare that we, the American people, will not compromise when it comes to the values and ideals that America was founded on. The very fundamental reasons that have called like beacons to those who are persecuted, suffering under tyranny, oppression, and injustice, and those who, like my parents, came to this country as immigrants. Never give up. Never stop fighting for what you know is right and true."

We have worked so hard to improve the lives of the oppressed, especially women. It appears we need to take seriously our responsibility to be active advocates if we are to preserve our gains and see continued growth toward equity for all. The movie *Hidden Figures* chronicles some of the ways women have worked to achieve equity in spite of the huge obstacles. Last week's Women's March told why we still have a long road ahead to achieve our mission. We cannot allow our country to build walls and deny us our rights, as women, to freedom of choice and equity.

Laura Wittenberg, President

#### **Regarding ONLINE donations at the AAUW Website**

#### Here's a request from your Vice President, Finance, Gail Chesler.

If you are making an online donation to AAUW, please send a quick email to me at gailchesler@gmail.com or phone me at 932-4062. Tell me approximately when you donated and for what cause. Having that information from you will allow me to be sure that the funds you donate are properly credited both to our branch and to the cause for which you intend it. Let me know if you have any questions about how or why I'll be checking.

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 10, 2017 Atria Community Room

The Board met Atria Lafayette on a record rainy day in Lafayette. Even in the rain the quorum of Board members were present.

Very important for our club is the Distinguished Woman Award which will be awarded to a member of OML whose work in any field as a volunteer or a professional has demonstrated creativity, initiative and outstanding achievement. Write your letter to recommend an outstanding member and encourage others to submit their letters also.

Our committees who are working for young women are very busy The STEM Conference is ready to open its registration on January 27. If you know a middle school girl encourage her to come to Saint Mary's College on March 18, 2017. Workshops in engineering, science, technology and math will be offered. Only 150 girls will be admitted.

Tech Trek committee members have contacted the STEM teachers in our three middle schools, (JM, OIS and Stanley) who are recommending girls from their 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The camp will take place at Stanford University in July, 2017.

Senior high school girls planning to attend college next fall can apply for an AAUW-OML Scholarship. We offer a \$5,000 plus two \$1,000 scholarships to girls who are outstanding in providing leadership and community service. They must attend Miramonte, Campolindo or Acalanes High Schools. In addition, a \$5,000 scholarship for graduate study is awarded to a Saint Mary's College student. Applications are available on our website.

Maryellen Judson, Secretary

#### FOCUS ON ... AAUW PUBLIC POLICY & THE WOMEN'S MARCH

### It is Time to Become an AAUW Activist!

The outcome of the November election and subsequent events have raised concerns in organizations that focus on women's issues, including AAUW and its coalition partners in California, the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom, and Stronger California. Finding appropriate ways to express the concerns of members is a challenge. We see issues that we thought to be settled now have become frontpage news, such as access to health care for people at all income levels, forthcoming challenges to Roe v. Wade, and freedom to make personal reproductive choices. Rights that women have taken for granted are now at risk again!





AAUW is a non-partisan organization engaging in issue-based advocacy. Our messages cannot identify with political parties, but this does not mean that we must remain silent when key components of our mission are being challenged. In fact, we *must* speak up. As Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP for Governmental Affairs has stated, "AAUW will speak truth to power," and has already made strong statements as candidates for cabinet posts are being vetted by Congress. It is critical that AAUW members and all citizens concerned with equity be knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues, and take action. Women's rights are human rights!

What should you do as an AAUW member? First, become informed. Use the AAUW website to educate yourself on issues. Check your facts in these days of "fake news" messages being planted. AAUW staff is closely monitoring actions contemplated by the incoming administration and Congress, and posting information on the website. Next, get connected to AAUW's national Two -Minute Activist network. If you haven't already, take advantage of the easiest way to express advocacy: sign up for AAUW Action Alerts. Go to the national website, <a href="http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/">http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/</a> and sign up. AAUW will notify us when it is time to make contact with our elected officials. When you use Two-Minute Activist you are automatically connected with the office of your elected Member of Congress or U.S. Senator. Make yourself heard! These elected representatives have offices in their districts – even consider making a visit there to express your views!

When you are signed up on national's Two-Minute Activist, you are automatically signed up for AAUW CA Action Alerts. As this legislative session moves forward you will also be receiving messages about taking action on CA bills and other actions that might require immediate responses from members. Change only takes place when we collectively demand it. *Act now!* 

Jan Coe and Laura Monin Public Policy Co-chairs





A small, but enthusiastic, group of AAUW-OML women marched in Walnut Creek. Our members also marched in Oakland (top photo: Diane Bell-Rettger), S.F. and other world cities where they were visiting. It was a positive and inspiring experience.

Sign up on the AAUW website for other ways to take direct action on a regular basis.

WILL BE HEARD

#### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

#### **New Members**

This month we have three new members to tell you about.

**Elaine Chow-Davis** is employed part time as a mechanical engineer with a BS and MS degree from UC Davis. When her daughter became a Tech Trek scholarship recipient in 2013, she became interested joining our branch. Elaine volunteered to be the Stanley Middle School coordinator for the Tech Trek committee. She is also interested in providing computer help and working on the website. Elaine and her husband Robert live in Moraga.

**Jill Fernald,** recently retired from Kaiser as a child psychiatrist, wants to continue working with children and is interested in volunteering in our Burckhalter Library/ Tutoring project. Jill holds a BA in sociology from Colby College in Maine and an MSW from Boston University. After looking through our directory she realized she already knows two of our members – Jan Cushman and Chris Laszcz-Davis, as their sons were in Boy Scouts together. Jill and her husband Charles live in Orinda.

**Jan Singer,** who lives in Orinda, has a BA in psychology from New York University and is currently self-employed as a college and career advisor. She is interested in serving on the Parent Panel at the EYH-STEM Conference and is willing to help with program planning. Her interests include yoga, walking, reading and researching.

#### **Greeters Wanted**

Remember those occasions when you've gone to a meeting for the first time where you didn't know anyone? It feels a little uncomfortable. Sometimes it's hard to meet new people because of the size of the group and everyone else seems to know each other. That could be how a new member might feel coming to an AAUW-OML general meeting for the first time. Wouldn't you like to see that a new member doesn't have that feeling and, instead, feels welcome? We would like to recruit a number of official "Greeters" who would stand by the membership table with us as people enter to get their name tags and greet a new member personally, encouraging her to enjoy a cup of coffee, finding out what her interests are and introducing her to members with similar interests. Let us know if you are interested in being a greeter or, better yet, just come stand with us at the membership table next meeting. You can recognize a new member by the special blue ribbon and colored polka dots on her name tag.

#### No Coffee On Us Gathering in February

There won't be a Coffee on Us gathering in February because of the Scholarship Fundraiser on February 9<sup>th</sup>, but we will get back to these smaller group gatherings in the future. Look for more information in the March issue.

## Alison Mackenzie and Mary Levey, Membership VPs

 $AAUW\ Mission$  • AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

 $\label{lem:value Promise of AAUW \bullet By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.$ 

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Please refer to your current membership directory for complete advertising information.

#### **AAUW-OML BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS**

Our **Scholarship Raffle** is growing and we want to share the wealth! The following businesses have donated gift certificates:

- · Amphora, Lafayette
- All in the Cut, Moraga
- Anna Nails, Moraga (Donated by Sally Swanson)
- home/made kitchen, Moraga
- Loard's Ice Cream, Moraga
- Moraga Garden Center
- Orinda Books (Donated by Lynda Leonard)
- Robin Nicole Beauty Bar. Lafayette
- Safeway, Moraga
- Steve Ware Jewelry Designs, Lafayette
- Suite 102 Hair Design, Lafayette
- Trader Joe's, Lafayette

We will be selling raffle tickets at the February meeting or you can contact **Bonnie** Fend at *brfend@sbcglobal.net* to purchase them prior to the meeting.

**\$5** for one ticket • \$10 for three tickets • \$20 for 8 tickets
The prizes will be drawn at the February General Meeting.

In addition to our raffle prizes we received a community donation from Service Outlet of Lafayette and donations of wine from Mary Leigh Miller, Cayo Marschner and Ksenija Soster-Olmer.

We look forward to celebrating with our branch members and friends as we raise funds for our AAUW-OML scholarships.



Mary Ann McLeod, Scholarship Committee

#### MORE ABOUT DR. BETH BURNSIDE



A native of San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Burnside received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Biology at the University of Texas, Austin. Following postdoctoral appointments at the Hubrecht Laboratories in The Netherlands, at Harvard University and Medical School, she was appointed Assistant Professor of Anatomy at the

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1973. In 1977 she moved to UC Berkeley where, in addition to her professorship in Cell and Developmental Biology, she served as Dean of Biological Sciences from 1983 to 1990. As Vice Chancellor for Research during 2000-2009, she was responsible for university industry relations, research compliance, communications and support for the Berkeley campus. Her administrative portfolio included management of forty campus research units, twelve research museums and remote field stations, and the Offices of Sponsored Projects, Technology Licensing, and Lab Animal Care.

Dr. Burnside was appointed a Chancellor Professor at Berkeley and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She has served on the Scientific Advisory Board and the National Advisory Eye Council for the NIH as well as numerous other scientific advisory boards and committees. Other honors include two Distinguished Teaching Awards at Berkeley, a Merit Award from the National Eye Institute, and an Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Graduate School of the University of Texas, Austin. Her research interest is the cell biology of retinal photoreceptors.

## **Developing Leadership Skills Through Community Service**

Through our AAUW Branch Scholarships we support the national AAUW goal of expanding the opportunities for all women to pursue leadership at all levels of society. Our branch scholarships encourage young women to develop leadership skills through their community service while pursuing their aspirations. **Yasmin Shamloo** (in photo with her family) discovered her future goals through her high school volunteer efforts at Acalanes. She is on the path to reaching them as a student at the University of California, Davis.



#### **Engagement and Inclusion**

"Working with special needs children has taught me that understanding the painful place someone comes from can lead to healthier relations void of blind blame and hasty generalizations."

#### Goals and results

"My hope is that I may not only aid children with disabilities, but cure them some day as well. Therefore, I have decided to pursue a pre-medical degree in college in order to pursue a career as a developmental pediatrician, specializing in the treatment of special needs disorders. This path would allow me to combine my interests in medicine with service."

This is another in a series of articles on past OML scholar-ship recipients.

#### **EYH-STEM CONFERENCE NEWS**

We look forward to the upcoming EYH (Expanding Your Horizons) – STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Conference for middle school girls at Saint Mary's College on March 18, 2017. This article features the "Get to Know Your Brain" workshop that will be offered by **Dr. Barbara Puder** of Samuel Merritt University.

Get to Know Your Brain will engage students in learning:

- Names of particular brain areas and how they work,
- Brain health and safety tips to keep your brain active, and
- Drug and alcohol affects on the brain.

As part of the learning, students will engage in dissecting a sheep's brain and comparing that to a human brain specimen.

Dr. Puder, who will be facilitating the workshop, is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Basic Sciences Department at Samuel Merritt University, Oakland, CA, where she teaches medical neuroscience courses. In addition to teaching, Barbara has developed neuroscience community outreach programs designed for grades K-12 and the community entitled "Get to Know Your Brain!" These brain programs train Samuel Merritt University students to educate participants regarding the brain and its functions by using age-appropriate language and hands-on activities. Approximately 1,000 students and adults attend these educational programs each year. For more about these programs, see <a href="http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/basic\_sciences/brain\_awareness">http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/basic\_sciences/brain\_awareness</a>.

Barbara has also designed a Community Service Honor Society, which is able to track Samuel Merritt University student volunteerism and acknowledge students who meet the honor society service criteria. She served on several national committees through the American Association of Anatomists and serves as a community outreach education consultant for faculty outside of Samuel Merritt University. Her research includes descriptive, qualitative and quantitative analysis regarding the neuroscience educational outreach and the community service honor society programs.

Heidi Mayer, EYH-STEM Co-coordinator

## ~ WANTED ~ VOLUNTEERS for the EYH-STEM Conference on March 18, 2017

Volunteers are required to attend a two hour training at Saint Mary's College, with lunch included on March 12, 2017 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Volunteers can work all day at the conference (7 am -3:15 pm) or part-time: (7-10 am), (11:30 am-1:30 pm), and (1-3:15 pm)

Contact Stacia Cragholm at staciawater@hotmail. com or 989-6226. We need help with signing in participants, directing traffic, staffing the hospitality room, assisting the parent program, being a hall monitor, or......just plain HELPING.



# OML MEMBERS FLEX THEIR OWN STEM SKILLS at the JANUARY MEETING







Photo below: EYH guest speakers, Ann Willoughby and Monika Whitfield (in center) with STEM Committee.



#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The 2017 Nominating Committee composed of Alison MacKenzie, Gail Chesler, Mary Leigh Miller and Pat Beckner will be meeting at the home of Pat Beckner on Tuesday morning January 31 to begin the hunt for willing nominees for the elected executive positions of Secretary, VP of Programs (looking for two as co-chairs), VP of Membership (co-chairs) and one co-chair for VP of AAUW Fund. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions or nominate someone you would like us to approach about a position, please contact Pat Beckner at patheckner@yahoo.com.

#### **CATCHING UP WITH TECH TREK**

**Cara Wolfe** and **Ally Scarpitti**, now seniors in high school, reflect on their Tech Trek experience and look forward to helping out at the upcoming EYH-STEM Conference.

Cara: In middle school, I was interested in the computers elective but was initially dissuaded by the shockingly low number of girls enrolled. Fortunately, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the Tech Trek program for a week at Stanford with other middle school girls. Every day we listened to presentations from professional women in all different STEM fields from nutrition to graphic design. We participated in hands-on experiments, including extracting DNA, building spaghetti bridges, creating roller coasters out of newspaper and programming robots.

Tech Trek was a life-changing experience. The extensive exposure opened my eyes to the opportunities in the STEM world and the challenges other women had worked to overcome. In the fall, I returned to school determined to dive into the computers course. Since then, I've never looked back. That class gave way to Digital Design, Introduction to Computer Programming, AP Computer Science, Physics, and now Engineering and Applied Physics Honors. I've come to embrace being one of the few girls in the room, whether it's in engineering or in computer science. I'm so excited to be majoring in Computer Science next year.

Ally: In 2014, I attended Tech Trek camp at Stanford. We were exposed to activities, speakers, and friends related to STEM. This week was life-changing. Each girl was a member of a core class for three hours every day. I chose physics, while the other options were marine biology, mathematics and forensics. After our core classes, professionals from STEM industries spoke to us, taught us and mentored us. My favorites were structural engineering and building bridges out of newspapers, robotics, testing Vitamin C content in different drinks in Stanford's chemistry labs, computer coding, seeing Pixar's Danielle Feinberg, and field trips to NASA's Ames Research Center as well as Stanford's Solar Car Project

Since Tech Trek, I have been enthralled to give back. Last year, I volunteered at AAUW-OML's first Expanding Your Horizons STEM Conference at Saint Mary's College. It was such an incredible experience that I wanted to be more involved with this conference for middle school girls this year, and I enthusiastically became part of the planning process. So far, the organizational, leadership and logistical skills I have gained from working on a conference for a cause I love have been eye-opening. AAUW has helped me become the best version of myself, giving me chances to develop skills I'd never imagined I'd be able to use as a teenager, to give back to the community that has done so much for me, and to share my love of STEM fields that they helped cultivate.

## DISTINQUISHED WOMAN 2017

#### MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD by Honoring the Joy of Hard Work

It is the dedication of each AAUW-OML member, who makes our branch successful. Without you and others like you we would not be able to accomplish the enormous effort we make towards our mission of advancing equity for women. AAUW-OML's Annual Distinguished Woman Award recipient is selected based on nomination and recommendation letters written about members, by members. Take a moment to write about an OML member whom you appreciate and admire for her dedication to our branch, she may:

- keep our branch humming with strong leadership or exciting programs,
- chair or contribute to our valuable community programs that support our mission, or publicize our work to the communities we live in,
- raise funds for the several very worthwhile outreach projects, or
- be an interest group leader or one of the friendly hospitality ladies who devote themselves to our members' interests and needs

She may have even done all of these things – and more.

We have many women who deserve this honor, but only one can become the Distinguished Woman of 2017-2018. The nomination deadline is Feb. 28. The OML Distinguished Woman will be announced at the March meeting and celebrated in May.

Please email to Pat Lopker, califpal@aol.com or mail your note to 235 Corliss Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.



#### **FEBRUARY 2017**



#### **FEBRUARY 2017 at a GLANCE**

1 WED – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP Pass along your book.

3 FRI– BIKE GROUP Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

4 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP *No meeting this month* Check with Ksenija Soster-Olmer for more info

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

#### 9 THUR - VALENTINE PARTY

6-8 pm – Amphora Nueva, 7 Fiesta Lane, Lafayette

13, 27 MON – GOLF Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

14 TUES – BOARD MEETING 1 pm – Location for all board meetings: Atria, 1545 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette

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

17 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK 10 am – Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda *The Quartet*, by Joseph J. Ellis Contact Judy Peak, 376-0540, for more info

17 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694, for more info

21 TUE – GENERAL MEETING BETH BURNSIDE, AAUW Fellow and Research Scientist 9:30-12 noon – Orinda Community Church 10 Irwin Way, Orinda

24 FRI – MARCH TRIAD DEADLINE Send articles to Mary Leigh Miller, mlmiller602@gmail.com

## 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.

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### MARCH 2017 Look for more listings in the March Triad

14 TUES – BOARD MEETING 1 pm – Atria, 1545 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette

18 SAT – EYH-STEM CONFERENCE 8 am-3 pm – Saint Mary's College

**21 TUE – GENERAL MEETING**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM with Bobbie Preston 9:30-12 noon – Orinda Community Church

#### Commit to Action in 2017: Use the Action Network Tool to Advance Policies in Your State

http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/

AAUW provides a trusted voice in statehouses across the country. Our Action Network sends subscribers urgent email notices to easily contact their elected officials through the Two-Minute Activist tool listed above. You don't need to be an AAUW member to make your voice heard.

Refer to page 3 for more details.