



## Tuesday, October 18 PUBLIC POLICY

presents ...

### **DOES YOUR 'YES' MEAN 'NO'?**

Are you prepared to make an informed choice about whether to:

- Repeal the death penalty?
- Make it easier to execute someone by setting time limits on appeals?
- Legalize recreational marijuana?
- Impose a tax surcharge on the wealthy?
- Place limits on prescription drug costs?
- Impose background checks for people wanting to buy ammunition?

These are just a few of the glut of propositions that will be confronting us on Election Day. If you strive to be an informed voter, join us on October 18th as representatives from the League of Women Voters present the *Pros and Cons of the Propositions* on this year's ballot. They will provide materials with more specific information about each issue so you can make an informed choice at the polls.

You will be participating in lively small group discussions that will help clarify (or change!) your opinion.

This meeting is open to the public.  
Invite your friends and neighbors!

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## NOVEMBER 15 GENERAL MEETING



California Assemblywoman **Catharine B. Baker** will be our keynote speaker at the November AAUW FUNDS meeting. Join us to hear from Assemblywoman Baker and to learn how AAUW Fund impacts the lives of women and girls throughout the world through education, research, advocacy and philanthropy.

Catharine Baker was elected to the 16th Assembly District in 2014 and has served as Vice-Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee in addition to the committees on Transportation, Business and Professions, Privacy and Consumer Protection, and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. She also serves on the Select Committees on Youth and California's Future, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education, and Renewable Energy Development and Restoration of the Salton Sea.

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for how to buy  
your tickets

**ANNUAL RESTAURANT WALK  
FUNDRAISER for TECH TREK**  
Help Send Our Girls to Camp

**"A Taste of Walnut Creek 2016"**

19th Annual Restaurant Walk

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016**

**6 - 9 pm**



All branch monthly meetings  
are now 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



## ... From LAURA'S DESK

*Greetings!*

Well, our year has gotten off to a great start! We had a wonderful meeting at our new site – the Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall. I think we may have had a record crowd for our September meeting. Jill West's presentation was very informative and educational and I, for one, started to relook at my food choices.

The Showcase of our branch priorities and interest groups demonstrated the many opportunities AAUW-OML provides for our members to be involved – there is something for everyone. Best of all, at last report six new members signed up to become part of our community of vibrant and interesting women, coming together to make a difference for all women and girls. Thank you to all those who helped pull the program together. I do want to give a special hat off to **Mary Leigh Miller, Denise Burien and Judy Helder** for their labor of love in planning and helping create the atmosphere that make this meeting wonderful. A thank you to **Robin Spenser Holmes** for being there behind the scenes to help get the coffee and drinks ready. Her knowledge of the kitchen made everything go very smoothly. I am sure there are many more individuals who also deserve kudos. Reflecting back on the morning I was pleased to see in action how we as members are working together and truly embracing the mission, vision and values statements as set forth in our branch directory.

Many members had favorable comments about the accommodations. The audio-visuals provided were great and everyone could hear what was being said. The parking, however, was a primary concern. Unfortunately, the bus from the senior housing facility next door blocked access to another parking lot above. In the future we will make sure this lot is open and we ask that those who are more able-bodied to please use this parking area.

Embracing this sense of community continued when we held our first AAUW-OML "Coffee On Us" this past Saturday. It was fun to start getting to know new and old members while enjoying a cup of Java on us. I look forward to more of these casual member socials for coffee or cocktails.

Remember, October is the League of Women Voters discussion of the propositions on the November Ballot. *See you there!*

Laura Wittenberg, President

## September Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Tech Trek campers gathered on Sunday, September 11 to remember their time at camp at Stanford University. The Walnut Creek Restaurant Walk, benefiting Tech Trek, will take place Tuesday, October 18. Ticket books are \$30.

The 2016-2017 budget was discussed and approved. OML will send two officers, the President and the President Elect to the National AAUW Convention in the spring of 2017. The Board agreed to this additional expense; this will be presented to the membership for a vote at the October 18 meeting.

### Committee Reports:

**The EYH/STEM WORKSHOP** is being chaired again by Stacia Cragholm and Heidi Meyer and will take place at Saint Mary's College on March 18, 2017.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Alison Mackenzie is still accepting dues. We congratulate four 50-year members in AAUW: Joy Elkinton-Walker, Janet Mendenhall, Flo Garay and Margaret Peters.

**PUBLIC POLICY:** We welcomed Laura Monin as co-chair.

**HOSPITALITY:** Members have been asked to contribute snacks for at least one of our general membership meetings.

Next Board meeting: Atria, 1545 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette.

Maryellen Judson, Secretary

# A Taste of Walnut Creek 2016



## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

*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. Send checks by October 10 to:  
Jan Cushman, 143 Meadow View Road, Orinda, CA 94563

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

**FOCUS ON ... PUBLIC POLICY****IT'S MY VOTE • I WILL BE HEARD!****When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!**

In addition to electing a new President of the United States, we are electing Senators and Members of Congress to represent us. With so much at stake, it's more important than ever to identify those candidates who would best represent our values and those who would roll back our rights.

How can you evaluate candidates? Look for their positions on issues relevant to AAUW's mission of promoting equity for all women and girls. For incumbents, review how they have voted. For all candidates, seek answers to these questions related to key issues in AAUW Public Policy Priorities:

- **Gender Pay Gap** – How would you address the pay gap between men and women? For women of color and mothers? What is your position on the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act to close legal loopholes and improve the effectiveness of existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the pay gap?
- **Family Leave and Paid Sick Days** – What is your position on legislation that would provide paid parental and medical leave for all employees?
- **Campus Sexual Violence** – Do you support increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting bullying, harassment and campus sexual assault? What should colleges and universities do to better address the issue of campus sexual assault?
- **Reproductive Rights** – Do you support public funding for family planning services and reproductive health care? What is your position on legislation that protects individuals' access to affordable quality reproductive health care, including abortion care?
- **College Affordability** – What can be done to help make college more affordable and loan payments more manageable?

AAUW national has just published the *Congressional Voting Record*, which is available from the national office. Order one to see how your incumbent Member of Congress voted on issues of concern to women during the last congressional session.



**Ask the questions! Get the answers!**  
**Women's votes will be especially important in this election!**

**Please exercise your right to VOTE!**  
**Cast your ballot on NOVEMBER 8!**

**AAUW CA Takes Position on Ballot Initiatives**

The November ballot in California will contain 17 ballot measures. The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee reviewed and evaluated those related to AAUW's priorities and mission and took a position on five:

- **Proposition 51, support:** School Bonds. Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities
- **Proposition 52, support:** The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act. Hospital fees that help fund Medi-Cal
- **Proposition 53, oppose:** Voter approval on specified bonds
- **Proposition 55, support:** Extend taxes for schools voted in Proposition 30
- **Proposition 58, support:** The California Multilingual Education Act. Allows structured bilingual education programs for English learners

**AAUW FUNDS ~ MAKE YOUR DONATIONS ONLINE**

Members of the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette AAUW Branch have made generous donations to the AAUW Fund for many years. Donations can be made online, through retirement accounts or through the branch AAUW Fund Treasurer. In rare cases when a donation is made by a member without branch designation, the national office will look up the member's primary branch and credit the member and the branch. If a member belongs to multiple branches, the member and branch must be specified for credit to be applied.

If you have any questions regarding contributions to the AAUW Fund, please contact **Marie Bonilla** or **Jenny Offringa** for further information. *We appreciate all contributions made by members to the AAUW Fund.*

**AAUW-OML 501(c)(3) - Community Outreach Funds**

<u>Fund/ Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b><u>Burckhalter</u></b>	
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/16	\$ 2,621.34
Estimated donations/ income	\$ 500.00
Estimated expenses	\$ (1,400.00)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance Burckhalter</i></b>	<b>\$ 1,721.34</b>
<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>	
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/16	\$ 16,084.00
Remainder of Gayle Uilkema bequest	\$ 15,000.00
Fundraising/ donations (Testing/ Vineyard/ Other events & Donations)	\$ 7,400.00
Estimated expenses	\$ (260.00)
Scholarship Awards - Gayle Uilkema bequest	\$ (10,000.00)
Scholarship Awards AAUW-OML	\$ (2,000.00)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance Scholarship</i></b>	<b>\$ 26,224.00</b>
<b><u>formerly Sister to Sister</u></b>	
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/16	\$ 3,679.00
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance</i></b>	<b>\$ 3,679.00</b>
<b><u>Tech Trek</u></b>	
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/16	\$ 9,279.70
Fundraising & Donations: Restaurant Walk/ Parents/ Donations	\$ 3,950.00
Scholarships to Tech Trek (6 @ \$900 each)	\$ (5,400.00)
Estimated expenses	\$ (450.00)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance Tech Trek</i></b>	<b>\$ 7,379.70</b>
<b><u>AAUW/ EYH STEM Conference</u></b>	
Carryover/ beginning balance 7/1/16	\$ 2,366.00
Income -	
In-kind donation from Saint Mary's for main hall, classrooms, and IT support	\$ 6,676.00
Attendance fees \$25 x 150	\$ 3,750.00
Donations ( <b>Chevron \$5K/ Rotary \$1K/</b> Foundations/ Individuals)	\$ 8,000.00
In-kind donations from grocery stores, coffee shops, members	\$ 1,186.00
Total estimated income + balance now on-hand	\$ 21,978.00
Estimated expense	\$ (16,126.00)
<b><i>Estimated Ending Balance STEM Conf</i></b>	<b>\$ 5,852.00</b>

**OML PROPOSED  
BUDGET FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2016-2017**

As is required by our by-laws, a proposed budget for the OML Branch Operating Corporation for fiscal year 2016-2017 was drafted by the Budget Committee and presented to the Board on August 9, 2016.

This is the first year that the Board has also reviewed the draft income and expenditure plans for the component committees that do good work as part of our 501(c)(3) {non-profit, tax-exempt} Community Outreach Corporation. The budget for the Operating Corporation was further discussed, modified, and approved at the September 25th Board meeting, as was the plan for income and expenditure estimates for the 501(c)(3) corporation.

Those two spreadsheets are printed in the Triad and included on our website for the consideration and approval of the General membership at our next regular meeting on October 18th.

The proposed budget for our Operating corporation shows a deficit. If that deficit results, it can be paid from accumulated funds in the operating account that now total more than \$28,000.

If you have questions about the budget or plan, please contact the **VP Finance Gail Chesler** or another board member.

**Important info for  
GMAIL USERS  
regarding  
OML E-CARD NOTICES**  
Are you a gmail subscriber? Be sure to check your "promotions" folder for all AAUW-OML e-card reminders and notices as this is how Constant Contact emails are channeled into your email server.

**AAUW OML Operating Fund Budget - 501(c)(4)**

	2015/16 Budget	2015/16 actual income	2015/2016 actual expenses	2016/17 Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Membership branch dues	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,308.00		\$ 3,504.00
Advertising	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,277.50		\$ 4,800.00
Interest	\$ 400.00	\$ 172.51		\$ 160.00
Miscellaneous revenue (Triad copies)		\$ 15.00		\$ -
Dues paid for Triad print & mail	\$ 160.00	\$ 240.00		\$ 160.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,060.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,013.01</b>		<b>\$8,624.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
Bookkeeping	\$ 500.00		\$ 725.00	\$ 500.00
Computer - software license	\$ 400.00		\$ -	\$ 90.00
Filing Fees	\$ 30.00		\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00		\$ 95.81	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ 650.00		\$ 607.51	\$ 620.00
Membership dues to Interbranch council	\$ -		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Constant Contact	\$ 400.00		\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00
Memorial Gifts	\$ 200.00		\$ 50.00	
Postage	\$ 330.00		268.19	\$ 300.00
Printing/Copies	\$ 250.00		\$ 24.99	\$ 150.00
Tax Preparation - postcard filing	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 300.00	\$ -
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$ 4,060.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,329.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,038.00</b>
<b>Community Involvement</b>				
AAUW FUNDS	\$ 100.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00
Community Outreach	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 10.00
Public Policy	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00
State Funds Assessment	\$ 60.00		\$ -	\$ 60.00
Community Involvement Other	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Community Involvement</b>	<b>\$ 260.00</b>		<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 260.00</b>
<b>Leadership Recognition</b>				
Distinguished Woman Award	\$ 300.00		\$ 332.99	\$ 300.00
May Luncheon	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,079.00	\$ 2,235.00	\$ 100.00
National Convention (odd years)	\$ 510.00		\$ 510.38	\$ 3,000.00
Past President's Pin	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00
Regional/ District Mtg/ Training	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00
State Convention (even yrs)	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 693.12	0
<b>Total Leadership Recognition</b>	<b>\$ 3,060.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,771.49</b>	<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>
<b>Meetings</b>				
April Awards Event	\$ 250.00		\$ 116.43	\$ 200.00
Hospitality Supplies	\$ 350.00		\$ 317.52	\$ 350.00
Past Presidents Event	\$ 125.00		\$ -	\$ 125.00
Program	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,117.24	\$ 1,600.00
Room Rental	\$ 1,610.00		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,600.00
<b>Total Meetings</b>	<b>\$ 3,935.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,351.19</b>	<b>\$ 3,875.00</b>
<b>Membership</b>				
Advertising	\$ 100.00		\$ 72.40	\$ 100.00
Gift Membership	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ 93.00
Overview/ Directory	\$ 700.00		\$ 74.40	\$ 400.00
Triad	\$ 150.00		\$ 274.69	\$ 300.00
Membership Committee	\$ 400.00		\$ 305.48	\$ 550.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>		<b>\$ 726.97</b>	<b>\$ 1,443.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,765.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,239.15</b>	<b>\$11,166.00</b>
<b>Income subtract expenses</b>				<b>(\$2,542.00)</b>

## TECH TREK

### Tech Trek Reunion and Reception Was a Hit!

We had a wonderful time at the reception for the Tech Trek girls and their parents on Friday, September 9! Our three members who were dorm moms (**Christine Walwyn, Gail Chesler and Jan Cushman**) were there to welcome the girls. Thanks to those of you who could join us, and thanks to all of you for supporting this meaningful program!

The girls shared their experiences with us – so interesting to hear the variety of experiences that the girls thought were the best. Favorites ranged from seeing Saturn at the star party to building and programming robots to hearing about a variety of careers on professional women’s night to using Newton’s law of motion to pull a tablecloth out from under dishes. And many more!

The girls and the parents gave many thanks for this special experience for their girls. I heard the words “life-changing experience” from more than one parent. Everyone was having such a good time chatting that we finally had to kick them out at 8:45!



*The 2016 Tech Trekkers*

Special thanks to Christine Walwyn for arranging for us to use the wonderful Miramonte Gardens Clubhouse, to **Sara Lautenbach** for bringing cookies and more, to Stacia Cragholm for bringing delicious See’s chocolates, to Lana Reichick for preparing name tags and to Sandy Fox-Sohner for bringing lemonade and taking pictures.

**Jan Cushman**  
Co-Chair, Tech Trek

## EYH/STEM CONFERENCE

**MARCH, 2017**  
**Saint Mary’s College**

Dr. Kristen Beck, Saint Mary’s College Math Professor and STEM committee member, provided an hour of Google Drive Training for **Jan Cushman, Stacia Cragholm, Gail Chesler, Christine Walwyn** and **Sara Lautenbach**. We found it very helpful. Everyone had different needs, and we agreed an additional tutorial would be welcomed. So, we are planning another hour session in a month. If you are interested, please contact Stacia by email. Several board members have already signed up. We will announce the training at our October 18 general meeting.

We are pleased to announce that Chevron has committed to being our sponsor. The Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club has again donated \$1,000.00, thanks to **Peggy Cabaniss** and **Chris Laszcz-Davis**, who are Rotary members and serve as liaisons to AAUW.

Next month, look for information about the interactive, hands-on workshops that our participants will get to choose from.

Want to help? Contact Heidi or Stacia.

**Stacia Cragholm:**  
**staciawater@hotmail.com**  
**Heidi Mayer: himayer@aol.com**

## NEEDED! A Hospitality Coordinator

One of the reasons we all love to attend the General Meetings each month is the opportunity to connect with our OML friends over a cup of coffee and some delicious treats. This benefit doesn’t happen by itself.

**Duties of the Hospitality Coordinator:** Work with Program VPs to provide hospitality services (refreshments, decorations, greetings) for monthly meetings by referring to a list of members who have volunteered to bring refreshments. The coordinator needs to contact these folks to find a few people to do this each month. There is a Hospitality Committee currently in place that is available to arrive early for setup and staff the refreshment tables, and to greet members. Anyone willing to take on coordinating everything will have lots of help and support.

**Please contact: Pat Beckner, Co-VP for Programs**  
**patbeckner@yahoo.com; 925-935-3688**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a successful start to the new AAUW year at the September 20 Showcase with six new members signing up, one of whom is a dual member with Alamo/Danville. More about the new members in next month's Triad.

We also had a nice turn-out for the "Coffee on Us" on September 24 at the Coffee Shop in Lafayette. We had 12 members, new and old, and everyone agreed it was a good way to meet people in a smaller setting. We are planning on alternating each month between cocktails and coffees. So October will be "Cocktails & Conversation" on Thursday, October 27 at Shelby's in Theater Square, Orinda, from 5 to 7. The next "Coffee On Us" will be Friday morning, November 11 at 9:30 at the Starbucks in the Rheem Shopping Center. Please plan to join us!

This year we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Orinda/Moraga/Lafayette branch of AAUW. At the September 20 meeting we also recognized those members who have belonged to AAUW for 50 years. Some have belonged to our chapter since its founding 60 years ago. Our 50 year honorary life members are: **Joan Armstrong, Martha Billman, Barbara Boyle, Bobbie Dodson-Nielson, Joanne Elkington-Walker, Florence Garay, June Howe, Elizabeth Kingsley, Marilyn Lonbaken, Janet Mendenhall, Margaret Peters, Carolyn Stokes and Nellie Strong.** Fifty year certificates were awarded at the meeting to **Joanne Elkington-Walker, Janet Mendenhall and Florence Garay** who all obtained 50 year status this summer. Congratulations to all of them! Think you have been a member of AAUW for 50 years? Please let one of the membership chairs know and we will help you apply. National only has computerized records of membership from 1985 forward, so 50 year status is not automatically determined.

The new membership directories should be available at the October meeting and will be mailed if you are unable to attend. This year, for the first time, we have printed membership cards for each member, which will be attached to the front of the directory. This card has your membership number on it, which is needed if you want to access the membership page of the National AAUW records and if you want to pay your dues online.

Speaking of dues, October 1 is the deadline for paying your dues if you want to be included in the directory for this year. Don't let yourself be deleted! If you have lost the dues form, you can download one from our website at [oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net) or call membership co-chair Mary Levey. Please think of the contribution your dues make in our community and continue your membership.

**Alison Mackenzie and Mary Levey**

## 2016-17 DIRECTORY UPDATE

## Any changes to your current contact information?

Please send all Directory corrections to Database Coordinator, Sheila Apte, [buddoo@yahoo.com](mailto:buddoo@yahoo.com) and Directory Editor, Mary Leigh Miller, [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com).

The 2016-17 OML Membership Directory will be available for distribution at the October General Meeting.

2015-16 AAUW OML  
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Maxine Christison\*

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

## SEPTEMBER SHOWCASE MEETING

President Laura Wittenberg opened the September 2016 Showcase meeting with an announcement of AAUW-OML Branch's 60th Anniversary year. We were thrilled to recognize one of our founding members, **Bobbie Dodson-Nielson**, who was present at the meeting. Our President gave AAUW 50-year member certificates to three members – **Joanne Elkington-Walker**, **Janet Mendenhall** and **Florence Garay**. They join 10 other branch members who are also 50-year AAUW members.

Guest speaker for the meeting was member Jill West, RDN whose presentation was titled "6 Best Foods for Women over 60," but the information provided applies to everyone. Jill is a great speaker and motivated all of us to eat a healthier diet. I think everyone at the meeting planned to stop by the grocery store on the way home to buy beans, dairy, salmon, nuts, dark leafy green vegetables, and berries.



*Selling Tech Trek: Sandy Fox-Sohner (l) and Jan Cushman*

Showcase is the annual opportunity to hear more about what our members are doing to promote AAUW and Branch priorities to advance women and girls through advocacy (public policy and Work Smart); education (Tech Trek, EYH-STEM Conference, Scholarship, and Burckhalter School); and philanthropy and research (AAUW Funds). The Chair of each group spoke about their activities and encouraged more members to contact them to get involved.

We also like to spend time with other members to get exercise, get educated, and also just have fun. So the leaders of our various interest groups spoke briefly about their activities. If you want to go bike riding, play golf, play bridge, go to the movies, go to museums, participate in Great Decisions to discuss current events – we have a group for you! We even have two book groups if you like to read and if you enjoy writing, consider becoming part of our memoirs and musings get together. Our branch has an interest group for you.

You can find out more on our website about how to contact the chairs of our branch priority or interest groups so you can get involved in the life of the branch.

### Coming to our November General Meeting: **MARKETPLACE**

This is a great opportunity for creative OML members to display and sell their work. Please contact Mary Leigh Miller at [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com) if you are interested in signing up to participate in this event. The branch takes no commission for sales.



Photos provided by Denise Burlian & K. de Groot



*Top: Jill West (left) with Laura Wittenberg;*

*Middle: One of our newest members, Jeri Cohen (center) with Laura Monin;*

*Bottom: HL Ittner (left) with Tory Courtney*





## LUNCH in the VINEYARD



On a perfect Saturday the lucky winner of our Lunch in the Vineyard raffle, **Diane Bell-Rettger**, brought five of her companions for a six course meal at **Mary Leigh Miller's** beautiful Moraga home.

The event started with appetizers and local wine tasting amongst the vines in her vineyard. It was enriched by an interesting presentation by

Moraga winegrower Susan Captain of Captain Vineyards. The luncheon continued poolside with a sumptuous main course and decadent desert.

The Scholarship committee members cooked and served their delicious specialties. Watch out for the new inspired menu and raffle tickets for the next year's event. *Thank you to all members who support our efforts to honor local young women graduates!*

### Scholarship Luncheon Committee:

**Mary Ann McCloud, Maryellen Judson, Cayo Marchner, Gail Burnett, Bonnie Fend, Tory Courtney and Ksenija Olmer.**



*The cooks and servers: Bonnie, Ksenija, Cayo, Mary Leigh and Maryellen*

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### Museum Mavens Trip Tuesday, October 25



Museum Mavens first trip this year will visit the RAMA EPIC at the Asian Art Museum Tuesday, October 25. The exhibit will take us into one of the world's greatest works of literature, its bloody battles, passionate romance and the monkey warrior. Prince Rama needs to defeat the ten-headed demon king who has abducted his wife Sita, then Rama will re-establish order in the world.

The exhibit promises to be a "must see" for the fall season. **Stacia Cragholm**, OML member and volunteer at the Asian Art Museum, has arranged for a docent to accompany us on our tour.

We will take BART, (10:10 Lafayette and 10:15 Orinda) have lunch at Café Asia, and return about 3 pm. Our tour will start around 11:15 am.

Those interested in joining the Mavens, contact: **Stacia Cragholm** ([staciawaater@hotmail.com](mailto:staciawaater@hotmail.com)) or **Maryellen Judson** ([thjudson@aol.com](mailto:thjudson@aol.com)).

## IN MEMORIAM

### Janet Roberts Mooers

Jan. 4, 1925 - Sept. 11, 2016

Janet Roberts Mooers, a long-time resident of Lafayette and Carmel, California served as President of our branch in 1978-79 and was honored as Distinguished Woman in 1984. She was born and educated in Pullman, Washington where she graduated with honors from Washington State University in 1946. Janet's passion for music was fulfilled by singing with the San Francisco Symphonaires, Oakland Symphony Chorus, Monterey Peninsula Choral Society and Unitarian Church choir. Her family was the treasure of her life. Donations may be made in her memory to the James T. Roberts Family Scholarship, Washington State University Foundation, Pullman, Washington 99164.



## OCTOBER at a GLANCE

1 SAT – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP  
Pick up your first book at home of Mary Stephens Smith

1 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP  
Check with Ksenija Soster-Olmer for more info.

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

10, 24 MON – GOLF  
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

11 TUES – BOARD MEETING  
1 pm – New location for all board meetings: Atria,  
1545 Pleasant Hill Rd. Lafayette

16 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK  
10:30 am – Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda  
*Midnight at the Pera Palace*, by Charles King  
Contact Judy Peak, 376-0540, for more info

18 TUES – **DOES YOUR YES MEAN NO?**  
9:30 am – **Public Policy General Meeting**  
**Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall**  
**10 Irwin Way, Orinda**

18 TUES – **RESTAURANT WALK**  
6-9 pm – Downtown Walnut Creek  
*Read more on page 2*

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

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

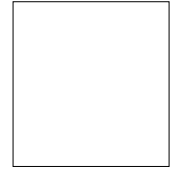
24 MON – NOVEMBER TRIAD DEADLINE  
Send articles to Mary Leigh Miller; mlmiller602@gmail.com

25 TUES – MUSEUM MAVENS  
Trip to the Asian Art Museum  
Contact Stacia Cragholm for more details (*see page 9*)

27 THUR – COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION  
5-7 pm – Shelby's Restaurant, Theatre Square, Orinda

29 SAT – ANNUAL FALL AAUW FUNDS LUNCHEON  
11:30 am – Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville

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

## NOVEMBER 2016

Look for more listings in the November Triad

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

15 TUES – AAUW FUNDS GENERAL MEETING  
Keynote Speaker: Catharine Baker  
9:30 am – Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall  
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

## AAUW NORTHERN CA FELLOWS LUNCHEON Saturday, October 29

It's the time of year when we honor our fellowship and grant recipients, along with their extraordinary research accomplishments. Please plan to join us at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville at 12 noon.

Go to our OML website or the AAUW CA website for the online reservation form or the mail-in form. Reservations must be made by Oct. 17th.

For those who are interested, we will carpool from the Lafayette BART station. Contact Marie Bonilla at 284-1473 or edmarie.bonilla@comcast.net with any questions.