

## The September General Meeting **SHOWCASE** Tuesday, September 15

9 am ~ Socializing

10 am ~ Meeting & Slide Show

**\$tart \$mart** (turn to page 3 for more details)

- Get reacquainted with your OML friends
- Bring a potential new member (or two)
- Sign up for your favorite interests and Branch Priorities

Movie Groups  
Burckhalter  
Great Decisions  
International Travel  
Book Groups  
Biking  
Public Policy  
Sister-to-Sister  
Bridge  
Scholarships  
Golf  
Advocacy for Women & Girls  
Tech Trek

## October 2015 Program Tuesday, October 20 ELLEN TAUSCHER

OML's October meeting will feature the **Honorable Ellen Tauscher**, the U.S. Representative for California's 10th congressional district from 1997 to 2009.



Ellen has been asked to address how we, as individuals, can advocate for AAUW's priorities such as public education; women in the work force/equal pay; affordable health care; the right to privacy; freedom from violence; and choice in the determination of one's reproductive life. She will likely share insights from her time in Congress as well as her time with the State Department as she updates us on her current interests and activities. *Mark your calendars for this Public Policy event!*

## ANNUAL RESTAURANT WALK FUNDRAISER for TECH TREK

*"A Taste of Walnut Creek 2015"*

18th Annual Restaurant Walk

*The Original Walking Tour of Downtown Walnut Creek Restaurants*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015**

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**\$30.00**

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

Buy your ticket books and join your friends on October 6 for a delightful evening tasting food in Downtown Walnut Creek.

Send checks made out to **AAUW OML Community Outreach Fund, Inc.** to **JAN CUSHMAN** before Sept. 28:

143 Meadow View Road, Orinda, CA 94563

For more info: 925-253-1958 or [jancushman@comcast.net](mailto:jancushman@comcast.net)

Ticket Books will also be available for purchase at **SHOWCASE**

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS and ARTISTS

Bring your creations to **MARKET PLACE** for our November meeting. This will be a great opportunity to show off your talent and sell your work. Please contact **Kelly Claussen** and let her know by October 15 if you plan to participate: 378-7102; [kwclaussen@aol.com](mailto:kwclaussen@aol.com)

All meetings of the OML Branch, unless otherwise noted, are held at the **HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH CULTURAL CENTER** 1700 School St., Moraga  
Handicapped Accessible 

**WORDS from GAIL ...**

We're still busy and here comes the fall.

- Biggest news of August is the progress being made by Stacia and her team on the Tech Savvy offering we are aiming to offer many girls and parents in March 2016 at St. Mary's. It'll be awesome!
- The library staff at Burckhalter scanned the book inventory of all 9000+! They'll be looking for some additional tutors this fall – so many kids would profit from the one-to-one attention.
- Scholarship held that drawing for a delightful meal in the vineyard and ½ case of local wine to the second place ticket holder.
- Sister2Sister is ramping up for their recruitment of high school girls to work with the middle school girls in their program of important life skills.
- "Happy Hour" at Piccolo Napoli convened on 8/27.
- Tech Trek celebrated (8/29) a successful year of sending OML girls to camp with a party to celebrate. September 1st, we'll bring the girls and parents together for a joint celebration.
- Membership held yet another successful meeting with good times and good planning.
- Anyone Who Has Read the Book read and discussed *How the Scots* ....

I am so glad to be part of this organization – but you know that. Big hugs – all around. All the best,

**Gail Chesler, your prez'**

**Board Meeting  
Happenings ~ August 11**

Big talk of the day was the proposed **Tech Savvy Program** to gather together young Teckies for an outstanding day at St. Mary's College. Much work will be needed. **Stacia Cragholm, Jan Cushman** and **Heidi Meyer** are coordinating.

Scholarship reported the **Lunch in the Vineyard** drawing will take place Friday August 21. We are hoping "last Minute" tickets will be entered before that date. The Princeton Review will test at Miramonte High School on September 26.

Programs for the Fall sound very interesting. At Showcase Tory Courtney will Introduce Start Smart or how to get the best start possible whether it is a new job, purchase from a new car dealer, or the kitchen remodel you've always wanted.

October meeting will welcome former Representative Ellen Tauscher.

Cocktails and Conversation at Piccoli Napoli, August 27, 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

**Maryellen Judson,  
Rec. Secr.**

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 was considered by the Budget Committee and by the Board on August 11, 2015. With a few revisions, the proposed budget, as printed in this issue on page 4, was approved. This budget will be voted on for approval by the membership at the September General Meeting.

The proposed budget shows a deficit, but, if that occurs, a deficit for FY 2015-2016 can be paid from accumulated funds in the operating account that now total more than \$28,000. Note that the budget for the previous year (FY 2014-2015) predicted a deficit of \$1,890, when in fact the actual deficit was \$313.

There are some one-time expenses in the FY 2015-2016 budget, such as the carry-over expense for the National Convention which the Board approved for payment on August 11, 2015, after the close of the previous fiscal year. Because of the on-going conversion of the of the Branch's financial records to the computerized Quick Books system, there are anticipated expenses for book keeping services, tax preparation and possible purchase of a lap top for management and storage of Branch records. These expenses are necessary to protect the future status of the Branch's two non-profit corporations.

**FOCUS ON ... \$TART \$MART**



**What is \$tart \$mart and how can OML members get involved?**

At Showcase, OML member and Start Smart coordinator, **Tory Courtney** will present a short overview of what this exciting new AAUW program is all about.

**The background...** According to AAUW research, just one year after graduation, women

earn only 82 percent of what their male counterparts earn, and that gender wage gap widens over the next 10 years. College women entering the job market need the confidence, knowledge, and skills required to negotiate their salaries and benefits. \$tart \$mart teaches them to do just that!

**Here's what you need to know...** More than 225 campuses throughout the United States have been hosting \$tart \$mart workshops. Before a workshop, only 25 percent of attendees say they are confident that they could negotiate a salary and benefits package. That figure skyrockets to 91 percent upon completion of the workshop.

When students leave the three-and-a-half-hour \$tart \$mart campus workshop, they will have learned

- How the gender wage gap affects their lives
- How to develop a personal budget based on their target salary
- How to benchmark salary and benefits
- How to negotiate for their first salary out of college

To learn more about this program, visit the AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/start-smart>

In the October issue, we will be introducing the branch to another exciting program – **Tech Savvy**, chaired by **Stacia Craigholm**. Tech Savvy is a day-long science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to these fields and to inform families about STEM education and careers.

**THE NEW S.A.T. IS COMING MARCH 2016**

In preparation, The New PSAT will be administered to students this October. To help students prepare, the AAUW Scholarship Committee in partnership with Kaplan Test Prep, will hold a New PSAT Practice Test Saturday, September 26, at Miramonte High School in Orinda as a fundraiser for our scholarships awarded annually. Students will experience the full-length timing and structure of the new PSAT, receive a comprehensive analysis of this strengths and weaknesses and therefore know exactly what to expect on Test Day.

**For more details and to sign up, visit: [oml-ca.aauw.net/psat/](http://oml-ca.aauw.net/psat/)**

**LUNCH IN THE VINEYARD HAS A WINNER!**



**Ksenija Soster-Olmer, Lynda Leonard, Karen Mankowski, Maryellen Judson and Mary Ann McLeod** (*photo above*) were present for our *Lunch in the Vineyard* drawing. **Susie Allison**, the director of Mulberry Tree Preschool in Moraga, held the winning ticket for the Lunch, and the winner of the ½ case of local wine was **Karen Mankowski**. Susie was delighted and will be sharing the afternoon with her staff (*photo below*). “It’s an opportunity to enjoy each other’s company after the hectic beginning of the school year,” she said. The Scholarship committee is busy finalizing plans for the event, which will be taking place at **Mary Leigh Miller’s** home.

**Thank you** to members who purchased or sold tickets for the event. **We appreciate your generosity.** The committee raised \$1950 on ticket sales and received additional donations. It is a good feeling to know we have created a fund that rewards and encourages Lamorinda’s excellent students who are dedicated to community service.



Be sure to check in at the scholarship table at Showcase to see where this year’s scholarship awardees are today!

**Mary Ann McLeod**

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

			FY 2014-15	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16
			BUDGET	End of year actuals	PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>					
		MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$3,500	\$3,905	\$3,500
		ADVERTISING	\$4,000	\$4,890	\$4,000
		INTEREST	\$400	\$359	\$400
		Miscellaneous income		\$28	
		TRIAD		\$168	\$160
		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,900</b>	<b>\$9,350</b>	<b>\$8,060</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
		General	\$600	\$214	\$300
		Book keeping		\$937	\$500
		Postage		\$330	\$330
		Copies		\$245	\$250
		Filing Fees		\$10	\$30
		Memorial gifts	\$200	\$150	\$200
		Insurance	\$600	\$641	\$650
		Tax Preparation			\$1,000
		Branch Computer			\$400
		SubTotal	\$1,400	\$2,527	\$3,660
<b>MEETINGS</b>					
		Hospitality Supplies	\$350	\$350	\$350
		Past President Event	\$100	\$116	\$125
		Program	\$1,600	\$1,175	\$1,600
		Room Rental	\$1,550	\$1,610	\$1,610
		April Awards Event	\$250	\$92	\$250
		May/Charter Luncheons	\$100	(\$55)	\$100
		SubTotal	\$3,950	\$3,288	\$4,035
<b>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>					
		Public Policy	\$50	\$0	\$50
		Community Outreach		\$55	\$50
		State Funds Assessment	\$60	\$60	\$60
		AAUW Funds (combined)	\$100		\$100
		SubTotal	\$210	\$115	\$260
<b>LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION</b>					
		National Convention (Odd years only)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$510
		State Convention (Even years only)	\$0		\$2,000
		Regional/District Mtngs/Training	\$100	\$60	\$100
		Past President's Pin	\$50	\$0	\$50
		Distinguished Woman Award	\$300	\$307	\$300
		SubTotal	\$2,450	\$2,367	\$2,960
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>					
		Membership	\$400	\$412	\$400
		Gift Membership			\$100
		Overview/Directory	\$700	\$673	\$700
		Triad	\$150	\$114	\$150
		Advertisers	\$100	\$0	\$100
		Website/AAUW e-news	\$400	\$168	\$400
		SubTotal	\$1,750	\$1,366	\$1,850
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$9,760</b>	<b>\$9,663</b>	<b>\$12,765</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>			<b>(\$1,860)</b>	<b>(\$313)</b>	<b>(\$4,705)</b>

## Mandatory Revisions from AAUW National to Our 2015 Bylaws

*Please note: These mandatory revisions do not need a vote of the state or branch membership. This list of revision is for your information only.*

### Article III. Use of Name. Section 2. Proper Use of Name and Logo.

**The revised section must now read as follows:**

The name and logo of AAUW may be used only by individuals and groups acting in a lawful and ethical manner, consistent with AAUW policies and procedures. Use of the AAUW name and/or logo requires all AAUW states, multistate organizations, branches, comparable AAUW-affiliated entities, and any other nonprofit entity allied with any of these AAUW entities to comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. This includes timely filing of tax documents with the appropriate government agencies and sending the signed AAUW Affiliate Agreement, current bylaws, and incorporation documents (if applicable) to be maintained at AAUW headquarters as required by the IRS. Sanctions for misuse of name, including loss of AAUW affiliation, may be imposed by the AAUW Board of Directors, especially in regard to any statement or action that misrepresents or jeopardizes the tax status of AAUW.

### Article IV. Membership and Dues. Section 3. Basis of Membership.

**Required revision:**

1. Substitute the word “comparable” for the word “other” in the phrase “other AAUW- affiliated entity/entities” in the following three sections: a.(4) Categories of Membership (a); a.(5) Life Membership (c) Privileges; and b. Partner Member.

### Article X. State or Multistate Organizations. Section 1. Structure.

**Required Revisions:**

1. Delete the following sentence: “All branches and/or other AAUW affiliated entities within that organization shall be automatically affiliated.”
2. Substitute “comparable” for “other” in the phrase “other AAUW-affiliated entities” in the first and second sentences.

### Article X. State or Multistate Organizations. Section 3. Contact.

**Required Revision:**

1. Insert this sentence between the first and second sentences: “These contacts can be the president and finance officer if that is consistent with the state or multistate organization’s structure.”

### Article X. State or Multistate Organizations. Section 4. Recorded Minutes.

**Required Revision:**

1. Insert the word “noticed” after the word “each.”  
[Note: If the designated member is not an officer, then an officer must be designated to supervise the recording of the minutes.]

### Article XI. Branches. Section 2. Organization. C. Structure.

**The revised section must now read as follows:**

Branches and comparable AAUW-affiliated entities may create such leadership structures as meet their needs. Each branch and comparable AAUW-affiliated entity shall provide AAUW with designated contacts for administration and finance. These contacts can be the president and finance officer if that is consistent with the entity’s structure. Each branch and comparable AAUW-affiliated entity shall also designate a member other than the contacts for administration and finance to record the minutes of each meeting and board meeting.

### Article XII. Additional AAUW Entities.

**The revised article must now read as follows:**

The AAUW Board of Directors may establish informal geographic, issue, or special interest groups and networks to further the mission of AAUW and foster the specific interests and needs of members. In addition, groups of members, branches, state organizations, and/or comparable AAUW-affiliated entities may collaborate with one another for common AAUW purposes following procedures and policies established by the AAUW Board of Directors.

## GLORIA WESTON TURNS 93!

Longtime OML member, past OML President and named honoree in 2004 for the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund, celebrated a milestone birthday recently with close friends at one of her favorite restaurants, China Moon.

Friends praised her for being such a great example of aging, staying involved, and continuing to study French and creative writing. Gloria is an inspiration to us all!



## SISTER-to-SISTER PREPARES FOR A SEASON OF MENTORING

**Wanted: High school girls to join the Sister-to-Sister team.**

Why? To be trained to become high school mentors to middle school girls in three Super Sunday meetings in February and March.

S2S-trained girls gain many valuable skills that will serve them lifelong. In the words of Emma Archangel, a recent graduate of Campolindo High School, "S2S improved my leadership skills by enforcing the idea of always having a positive attitude, patience, and confidence in myself to give good advice and lead others. I have been able to apply this to other areas of my life such as my student council role and my volunteer jobs. In both areas I lead and advise others to achieve goals. By participating in S2S, I am more confident in my leadership skills. I feel comfortable leading others and offering advice to others who ask for help."



The S2S Committee is at work getting the word out to girls at Miramonte, Campolindo, Acalanes, Las Lomas, and local private high schools. They will attend four Sunday three-hour training sessions where they will acquire mentorship and leadership skills, plus build friendships and a cooperative and supportive team. Do you know a high school girl? Have her check out our website at [oml-ca.aauw.net/s2s/](http://oml-ca.aauw.net/s2s/) click on High School Facilitators' page, then go to the required application forms. Deadline to apply is September 27.

In the succinct and heartfelt words of one high school girl: "Signing up for Sister-to-Sister is the best decision I ever made." Now that is an endorsement that money could not buy.

**Lynda Leonard, S2S Team**



## INTEREST GROUPS Featured at SHOWCASE

### **Anyone Who's Read the Book**

Meets on the 3rd Friday, 10:00 a.m., at the Orinda Book Store

*Coord: Susan Wilson*

### **Best Seller/Critics' Choice Books**

*Coord: Mary Stephens Smith*

### **Bike Riding**

Meets on the last Mon. of month at 9:30 am Place: TBA

*Coord: Ellen Beans*

### **Bridge**

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Check at Showcase for more info

### **Gals' Only Gourmet**

Currently meets on the 1st Wed. at noon

*Coord: Mary Leigh Miller*

### **Golf**

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at local public golf courses

*Coord: Jan Gee*

### **Great Decisions\***

Eight topics for eight weeks, starting in February, 2-16 on Wednesday afternoons

*Coord: Judy Helder*

### **International Travel\***

Meets on the 1st Sat. 6:30-10 pm. in members' homes

*Coord: Ksenija Soster-Olmer*

### **Let's Go to the Movies\***

Meets on the 3rd Friday, 6:30 pm, in Members' homes (currently 3 groups)

*Coords: Mary Leigh Miller*

*Mary Stephens Smith*

*Judy Hammon*

### **Memoirs & Musings**

Meets on the 3rd Wed. afternoons in members' homes

*Coord: Carol Messenger*

### **Museum Mavens**

Date, Time & Place TBA

*Coords: Maryellen Judson*

*Elaine Gallaher*

### **Tennis Anyone?**

Meets on Mon. & Thurs., 8:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's courts.

*Coord: Tory Courtney*

*\* These Interest Groups are open to spouses and partners*

**MEMBERSHIP**

**New Member**

Our newest AAUW-OML member, **Janice (Jan) Winter**, lives in Moraga and is a full-time science teacher at Stanley Middle School in Lafayette. She is a strong supporter of Tech Trek. Many of her nominees have been chosen to go to math/science camp at Stanford.

**So Easy to Forget/So Important to Remember—Membership Dues**

Thanks to those of you who responded to our recent friendly reminder that 2015-16 membership dues are due. One hundred seventeen members from last year have paid, with around 40 who haven't sent in their renewal checks. Several checks are in the mail. *Have you forgotten?* You don't want to be left out of the new directory!

**New Membership Committee Meets**

The newly-formed Membership Committee held its first meeting August 13 and started the ball rolling for the new year. Nearly all members were present, and President-elect **Laura Wittenberg** was able to join us. She is gathering information on Showcase Committees and Interest Groups for featuring at the September meeting, to update listings in AAUW-OML Overview, and for insurance purposes.

The Committee is contacting *Fourth of July Orinda Parade* guest book signees and inviting them to the September meeting, which is the first of the year and provides a broad overview of AAUW local and national activities. The guest book form may be revised to include a comments column to provide a talking point for following up. The AAUW-OML Overview is being updated and will be available for the September meeting. Everyone these days is on information overload, so New Member Packets will be streamlined to include only the President's welcome letter, the AAUW-OML Directory and Overview, a printed copy of the latest Triad and perhaps a few brochures on selected activities such as Tech Trek and Sister-to-Sister.

Membership recruitment is always on our minds, and the Committee discussed many ways to reach out such as providing membership forms to parents at Tech Trek and Sister-to-Sister events and to scholarship winners and those on the national Members-at-Large List living in the Lamorinda area. Also, leaving AAUW brochures with advertisers and in libraries and listing with volunteer organizations in the area. Do you have a suggestion we haven't thought of? *BE IN TOUCH!*

**Mary Levey, Membership VP**

**THE 2015-16 OML DIRECTORY  
WILL BE AVAILABLE in OCTOBER**

**NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS:** To be included, you must have paid your yearly membership dues by the end of September.

**ADDRESS, EMAIL AND PHONE CHANGES:** Please contact Shelly Drasin, Membership Treasurer, with any information about yourself appearing in the current Directory that needs to be corrected. Contact Shelly at 284-5008; [shellydrasin@gmail.com](mailto:shellydrasin@gmail.com)

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The above listing includes advertisers currently found in the 2014-15 OML Directory. This list will be updated for the October issue.

## SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

1 TUES – #1 BRIDGE GROUP  
12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 – MON & THURS – TENNIS  
8:15-10 am – Contact Tory Courtney, 376-1295

3 THURS – #2 BRIDGE GROUP  
Contact Virginia Semrau for more info, 283-8056

5 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP  
6:30 pm – Host: Jan Cushman  
Contact Ksenija Soster-Olmer for more info

8 TUES – #3 BRIDGE GROUP  
12 noon – Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

8 TUES – BOARD MEETING  
1 pm – Holy Trinity Cultural Center

9 WED – CRITICS' CHOICE BOOK GROUP MEETING  
10 am – Home of Mary Stephens Smith

14, 28 MON – GOLF  
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

15 TUES – SHOWCASE  
9 am – Holy Trinity Cultural Center

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

17 THURS – #4 BRIDGE GROUP  
12 noon – Jessie Doleman 826-5116

18 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK  
*Blue Eyed Girl*, by William Goldson  
10 am – Orinda Book Store, Contact Susan Wilson, 376-0606

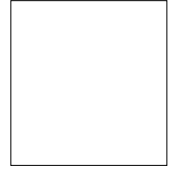
18 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES  
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694

22 TUES – #5 BRIDGE GROUP  
12 noon – Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

24 THURS – SEPTEMBER TRIAD DEADLINE  
Send articles to Mary Leigh Miller; [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com)

24 THURS – COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS  
5-7 pm – Piccolo Napoli, Theater Square, Orinda

AAUW-OML  
Database Coord.  
3537 Springhill Rd  
Lafayette, CA 94549



28 MON – BIKE GROUP  
Contact Ellen Beans, [ellen.beans@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.beans@gmail.com)

## OCTOBER

Look for more listings in the OctoberTriad

13 TUES – BOARD MEETING  
1 pm – Holy Trinity Cultural Center

20 TUES – GENERAL MEETING  
9 am – Holy Trinity Cultural Center  
Keynote Speaker: Ellen Tauscher

Looking for good conversation  
with some of your OML friends?

Join us at Piccolo Napoli  
in Orinda Square on  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
around 5 pm as we enjoy a  
glass of wine or two.  
If it's a nice day, look for us  
on the courtyard patio.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATORS:

*If your group decides to meet on a different day or time than normal, please contact our Calendar Coordinator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the website calendar.*