



Mission Statement:

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



**February General Meeting
Tuesday, February 21
Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church
1700 School Street, Moraga**

***HOW WOULD YOU SOLVE A \$10.5 BILLION
STATE BUDGET DEFICIT?***

NEXT 10* gives YOU the chance to vote on policies affecting our state with instant-response clickers. It's fun & informative.

The California Budget Challenge is a nonpartisan, facilitated game that lets you decide how much to spend on schools, prisons, the environment and other state programs – and how to pay for them.

California Budget Challenge is regularly updated by Next 10 to provide an examination of the State's most pressing budget policy choices. At our meeting, you will be challenged to set priorities for the next five years and help create a budget that reflects your values and vision for California's future.

Since its launch in 2005, more than 250,000 Californians have taken the online "Challenge." Next 10 works with the League of Women Voters, the state Parent-Teachers Association, New America Media, California libraries and other education and civic groups to take the Challenge on the road to diverse audiences across the state.

Sarah Henry, Executive Director of Next 10 in San Francisco and Ann Grodin Legislative Assistant representing Nancy Skinner's 14th Assembly District Oakland office will facilitate this travelling version of the California Budget Challenge.

**Next 10 (www.next10.org) is an independent, nonpartisan organization focused on innovation and the intersection between the economy, the environment, and quality of life issues for all Californians. Next 10 funds research by leading experts on complex state issues.*



Coffee and light refreshments served at 9:00

Coming in March....

Join us for an interesting and informative presentation by Ksenija Olmer. Since this year's theme is "making connections," the March meeting will be devoted to making connections with the world community. Ksenija has traveled widely in Thailand and Cambodia raising funds to assist local communities in those countries to build wells, start small businesses, and provide educational supplies to young people.

Ksenija is currently in Cambodia with a group of Saint Mary's students, some of whom may be available to join her for the presentation which will be accompanied by photographs that will bring her experiences alive. We look forward to seeing you at the March 20 general meeting



HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH CULTURAL CENTER



1700 School St., Moraga

OSCAR BUZZ AT THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

The 14th Annual California Independent Film Festival ("CAIFF") is set the week of Feb. 10th – 16th at the Rheem and Orinda Theatres. The festival will open with the film "Monsieur Lazhar", which won Best Canadian Film at the 2011 Toronto International Film Festival and is Canada's Official 2012 Oscar Entry for Best Foreign Language Film.

Detailed film descriptions can be found at the California Independent Film Festival website at www.caiff.org.

The California Independent Film Festival Association is non-profit 501(C) 3 organization. The 14th annual festival is presented by The Lamorinda Weekly and sponsored by Senior Solutions, The Murdy Foundation, The Olsen Team, Diablo Magazine, ITB Design, Lamorinda Theatres, Ristorante Amoroma, Cupcake Vineyards and the Lafayette Park Hotel

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Nominating Committee consists of five AAUW/OML members; Karen Mankowski (chair), Diane Bell-Rettger, Barbara Harbuck, Judy Helder, and Jeanne Melaugh. We will be meeting very soon and making phone calls to members in good standing to fill Board positions. We would appreciate suggestions from you. Please be kind to us when we call you. Thanks!

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The Scholarship Committee is very grateful to all who helped increase the amount of scholarship money that will be given to Lamorinda graduating senior girls (H.S. and college). Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to offer at least \$650 to each young woman. Any additional funds which come in before March will also be used to add to the \$650. Thank you!

Appreciatively,

The Scholarship Committee



2012 Distinguished Woman: Who is She?

Circulating amongst us is this year's Distinguished Woman. Maybe you have seen her in action. Maybe you have admired her from afar. Maybe you have worked with her in AAUW. Maybe she is your friend. She is a woman demonstrating initiative, leadership and creativity and she has made significant contributions to her community, profession and AAUW.

OML's Distinguished Woman is selected from your nomination and recommendation letters. The letters do not need to be lengthy... just heartfelt and sincere.

Please send or email letters to Jan Coe: 301 Overhill Rd., Orinda, CA 94563 or jan.coe@sbcglobal.net.

Deadline: Feb. 29, 2012

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions discussion group will start in earnest on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Terzetto's restaurant in Moraga. Meetings are from 10 to 11:30. The first meeting will be to organize leaders for the discussions and review last year's Opinion Ballots. Briefing books are available. Contact: Carrol Foxall at 376-7388 or c.foxall@comcast.net

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PUBLIC POLICY: WOMEN'S HEALTH SUCCESS

Your voice was heard! You helped protect women's access to contraceptive services!

After reviewing more than 200,000 comments from the public – many of them from AAUW Action Network members like you, the Obama administration announced recently that almost all employers will have to include coverage for women's preventive health services, including contraceptive services, starting in August 2012. This is a victory for women's health, and would not have happened without our raising our collective and persuasive voice.

AAUW applauds the administration for releasing this rule, and is relieved the administration worked to protect women's rights to access preventive care including contraceptive services. This decision means that women's preventive services will be covered without co-pay or cost-sharing. As the Institute of Medicine put it when proposing what should be covered, "Positioning preventive care as the foundation of the U.S. health care system is critical to ensuring Americans' health and well-being. Women particularly stand to benefit from additional preventive health services." AAUW couldn't agree more.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND UPDATE

Since 1981, the Legal Advocacy Fund, one of the priorities of AAUW Funds, has provided more than \$1.3 million to help women seeking redress for sex discrimination in higher education.

In 2010, LAF expanded its focus to consider cases beyond academia and looked to support significant cases in the wider workplace.

The Legal Advocacy Fund was a strong supporter of the case of East Bay resident and Wal-mart employee Betty Dukes in the Dukes v. Wal-mart case heard without success before the Supreme Court in 2011. The discrimination issue with Wal-mart continues; attorneys are now looking to smaller classes of women employees to pursue redress through the courts.

Traditionally, OML renews its sup-

port of the Legal Advocacy Fund in February. Because of program changes, we had our LAF sponsored program in November. Those who preferred to wait until the new year are encouraged to mail your donations to LAF Vice-President Lana Reichick.

Once again, long-time supporters of the Legal Advocacy Fund, Gloria Weston and Jo Harberson, have offered to match the first fifteen donations of \$100 each. Gloria will match the first ten; Jo will match the next five. Please make checks payable to AAUW Funds, marking the memo line "LAF." You may designate your donation to the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund by marking the memo line "LAF #3500 GW Campus Outreach." Thank you for your loyal support.

Message from OML President Deana Vick-Davidson

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN DANGER ACTION NEEDED

Co-President of CA-AAUW, Gloria Taylor, sent a link, copied below, about the probable defunding of the CA State Commission for Women. The Commission for Women partially funded the IBC program, Human Trafficking, Jan 29.

This is another opportunity to write a letter to the editor of local papers! You may write a letter to the editor, but do not use your AAUW title unless the item is approved by the board. See the full article at

<http://www.calbuzz.com/2012/01/op-ed-who-will-speak-for-women/>

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FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

1 WED CRITICS' CHOICE BEST SELLERS

Pass your book on to the next person

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 WED GREAT DECISIONS

10 am TerzettoCuisine, 1419 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA

2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, MON and THU TENNIS

8:15 am Tory Courtney 376-1295

4 SAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

6:00 pm Contact K. Soster-Olmer, 254-5439

7 TUES #1 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

8 WED NEW MEMBER COFFEE

10 am RSVP to Kelly (925) 284-5468

9 THU #2 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Virginia Semrau 283-8056

10 FRI DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP

Contact Mary Helene Tietz mhken@pacbell.net

13, 27, MON GOLF

10:00 am Contact Jan Gee for t-time 938-1316

14 TUES BOARD MEETING

9:00 G.Uilkema's office, 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

14 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

16 THURS E-NEWS DEADLINE

Send items to Bonnie Gallogly bonniegal5@me.com

15 WED MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS

1:00 pm Home of Carol Messinger

RSVP messengerd@aol.com

16 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

17 FRI ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK

10:00 am Orinda Book Store

17 FRI MOVIE GROUPS Group 1, Mary-Leigh Miller

631-9694; Group 2, Mary Stephens Smith, 376-5726; #3

Judy Hammon, 253-4972.

21 TUES GENERAL MEETING

9:00 am See page 1 for information

24 FRI MARCH TRIAD DEADLINE

Send items to mgschimbor@comcast.net

25 WED WISE WOMEN

1:30 pm Carrol Foxall, 376-7388

28 TUES #5 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Coordinator: Joan Myers, 363-1962

Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 to 11:30 am
Coffee, tea and light refreshments 10:10 to 10:30

Money Matters: A Woman's Perspective
Presented by: Deana Vick Davidson, Financial Advisor
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