



**Mission Statement:**

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



## March General Meeting Tuesday, March 20 Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church 1700 School Street, Moraga



A well in Cambodia

Since this year's theme is "making connections," the March 20th meeting will be devoted to making connections with the world community.

Have you ever felt as if you are not important or rich enough to make a significant difference in the life of those less fortunate than you? OML member Ksenija Olmer will share how an ordinary person can make an extraordinary impact on many people around the world. Ksenija and her family have travelled widely and continue to improve the lives of many with small local projects, such as water wells, or orphanage and school improvements. With her children now grown she has delved into new opportunities to bring others, her friends, and college students on travel-with-purpose trips, particularly to SE Asian countries. She has recently returned from a service trip to Cambodia with 18 St. Mary's students and, with the help of the participating students and their photos, will share her inspiring experiences. Coffee and conversation will take place from 9:00-9:45, and Ksenija's presentation will begin at 10:00. Plan to join us.



Ksenija Olmer

## "Making Connections" with Ksenija Olmer

Coming in April...



**Tech Trek and Scholarship Awards Meeting:  
Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m.**

**"From Mudflats to Mars: A Personal Odyssey"** will be the keynote presentation by Margaret Race, PhD, for the April awards meeting. Dr. Race is an ecologist who works with NASA and the SETI institute, where she focuses on Astrobiology, searches for extraterrestrial life, and science policy issues. She chose this presentation topic, she says, "because my career path has taken many turns. The career I am in now did not exist when I finished my degree. It has been a true odyssey, from marine biology to the solar system." Dr. Race specializes in planetary protection—how to plan robotic and human missions in ways that ensure environmental protection of both the Earth and locations in outer space.

We will also hear from the six Tech winners, who will attend the Grace Hopper Camp at Stanford University, and honor the four branch scholarship winners chosen from local high schools and St Mary's College. Plan on attending this special program to honor and meet these extraordinary women.

**HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH CULTURAL CENTER**



1700 School St., Moraga

**A LETTER FROM AAUW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT:**

Dear Branch Leader,

You may be hearing inquiries from members within your branch about receiving calls from AAUW. I just wanted to reach out and let you know that these are legitimate calls that provide crucial fundraising for AAUW's programmatic activities. AAUW has actually done telemarketing for years to renew memberships.

Last year we tried using it to raise funds and were able to raise enough to provide more than 20 scholarships for college women so they could attend NCCWSL. Since AAUW members have been responsive to telemarketing we are raising much needed funds this year for our other programs.

We are also taking this opportunity to survey members in regards to what AAUW programs interest them the most. We hope that by gathering this data we can deliver relevant material in areas that our members are passionate about.

Should you have any questions regarding this campaign please feel free to contact us.

Laura McCulty Stepp  
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**2012- 2013 PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Following is the slate of elected officers submitted by the nominating committee to be elected at the March 20 general meeting.

President: **Diane Bell-Rettger** President Elect: **Karen Mankowski**  
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**NEW AAUW OML STANDING RULES**

A review of the Branch Standing Rules has been completed, and revisions will be voted on by the membership at the March 20, 2012 General Meeting. Everyone has a copy of the current Standing Rules on page 11 of the Directory. A complete version of proposed revisions is available on the website, [www.aauwoml.org](http://www.aauwoml.org). Please take a moment to review the substantive changes *in pink boldface italic* in the following paragraphs:

Added under Membership: *Membership renewals are due by June 30.* Also: Members must pay dues *by the Directory publishing deadline* to be included in the Directory. *Non-payment of dues will result in loss of membership.*

Added under Board Meetings: *Approved board minutes are available to non-board members upon request to the president.*

Added under Interest Groups the following paragraph to be consistent with Policies and Procedures: *Interest groups may charge a small fee for materials to be used within the group. These fees shall remain within the group and will not become a part of the branch general fund. Should the group disband, group members may choose which AAUW entity will receive any remaining funds.*

AAUW Communications clarified as follows: The Directory, *Triad*, and *all AAUW OML* electronic communications shall be used exclusively for communication on AAUW matters *among the branch members. They shall not be used for solicitation of any kind. Any advertiser articles will follow OML advertising guidelines.*

If you have questions, contact Gail Burnett or Judy Hammon.

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## GREAT NEWS FROM SISTER-TO-SISTER 2012

### VALARIE BURGESS HONORED FOR EMPOWERING GIRLS

Fourteenth district representative Nancy Skinner surprised Valarie Burgess with a call notifying her of being selected as one of the honorees at the Empowering Women dinner to be held March 8. Valarie and the Sister-to-Sister team have positively influenced the lives of approximately 1600 girls through the annual Sister-to-Sister training and summit. Previous OML members who have received this award are Edy Schwartz and Ellen Beans for their work in the Town of Moraga.

### MORAGA VALLEY KIWANIS SUPPORTS S2S WITH \$750 DONATION

Valarie and five S2S high school girls addressed Kiwanis on February 3. Valarie spoke on the topic "Why Girls?", sharing statistics on sexual harassment, relational aggression, dating violence and other issues that affect girls disproportionately. The girls, who have been trained as facilitators, shared what S2S has meant to them. Valarie concluded her talk by stating the ultimate goal of S2S is to prepare girls to take their place as leaders in the world. Several of the men shared salient comments after the talk:

Dale Walwark stated that the 2008 financial crisis could have been averted had people listened to the women in their organizations.

Moraga's Chief of Police Bob Priebe shared that women are committing crimes he would not have imagined five years ago, concluding that programs like ours are very important.

Superintendent of Moraga Schools, Bruce Burns, invited the girls and Valarie to present the same talk to the PTA at JM, to help educate parents about girl issues.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS JOIN S2S PLANNING TEAM

Middle school girls have accepted the invitation to join the S2S training in preparation for the April 28 summit. The high school girls welcomed them into discussions and exercises about public persona versus self-image and being appreciated for who we are instead of how we look. Feedback from several mothers afterward informed us the girls were very excited about their first S2S training. Registration for the summit is available on the AAUW-OML web site, <http://aauwoml.org/s2s/index.html>.



Valerie with 2011 high school facilitators

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## MARCH AT A GLANCE

### 1 THU CRITICS' CHOICE BEST SELLERS

Pass your book on to the next person

1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 TENNIS

8:15 am, Saint Mary's Courts

7, 14, 21, 28, WED GREAT DECISIONS

10 am TerzettoCuisine, 1419 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA

3 SAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

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

6 TUES #1 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

8 THU #2 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Virginia Semrau 283-8056

8 THU Charter Member Luncheon

12 noon Uncle Yu's Restaurant, Lafayette

9 FRI DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP

Contact Mary Helene Tietz mhken@pacbell.net

12, 26, MON GOLF

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

13 TUES BOARD MEETING

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

13 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

14 WED MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS

1:00 pm Home of Carol Messinger

RSVP messengerd@aol.com

### 15 THURS E-NEWS DEADLINE

Send items to Bonnie Gallogly [bonniegal5@me.com](mailto:bonniegal5@me.com)

15 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

16 FRI ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK

10:00 am Orinda Book Store

16 FRI MOVIE GROUPS Group 1, Mary-Leigh Miller

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

Judy Hammon, 253-4972.

20 TUES GENERAL MEETING

9:00 am See page 1 for information

### 23 FRI MARCH TRIAD DEADLINE

Send items to [mgschimbor@comcast.net](mailto:mgschimbor@comcast.net)

27 TUES #5 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Coordinator: Joan Myers, 363-1962

28 WED WISE WOMEN

1:30 pm Carrol Foxall, 376-7388

