



**OML Public Policy Meeting in an Election Year!
Lamorinda Roads Well Traveled
Tuesday, October 16
9:00 a.m.
Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church**

The Lamorinda Town Managers will present solutions to address each town's decaying infrastructure at the AAUW-OML General Meeting October 16. The program begins at 9:45, but come early for social hour!

Orinda and Moraga have sales tax increase proposals on the November 6 ballot with proceeds to be directed to improving roads. Lafayette attempted a parcel tax increase for improving roads which did not pass. See and hear about the current and projected conditions of our town roads and the cost of delaying upgrades. Learn about each Town's proposal to address the issue.

Bring Your Lunch!

Bring a brown bag lunch and join us after the panel presentation from 11:45 to 1:00 to discuss propositions on the California ballot. We will provide the California Voter Guide and the League of Women Voters Smart Voter pamphlet along with information about whose financial support is behind each of these propositions. Attendees will discuss and then present a synopsis of the propositions and recommend positions. Beverages will be provided.

THE ROAD MORE TRAVELED

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1700 School St., Moraga

Coming in November...

**The Education State of Mind:
What can we do to build one?**

Two very well-qualified and engaging speakers will address issues around school readiness and literacy gaps and what AAUW-OML can do to support and build an educational state of mind in young students.

Debbie Supple, MA and Director of the Bay-Region 4 California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN), will explain what she does in the context of her CPIN administrative role to "close the school readiness gap" so that most kindergartners are equally ready for "real" school and have the needed skills for successful lifelong learning.

Dr. Evie Groch is a field supervisor, coach, and mentor for new administrators studying in graduate schools of education throughout the Bay Area. Professional development comprises most of her work, especially in literacy, vocabulary development, teaching strategies, communications, memory, and generational and gender differences.

After the two speakers, AAUW-OML members will have the chance to discuss how we can build this state of mind in the local community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After being a member of AAUW for only a few years, I have learned that our members are resourceful, energetic, and incredibly generous with their time. At September's Showcase meeting, I heard amazing accounts of how AAUW has touched the lives of students at Burckhalter Elementary, 7th grade girls at Tech Trek camp, middle school and high school girls in the Sister-to-Sister program, and scholarship recipients. Soon, our Start Smart program will help women college graduates negotiate their first salary. What a valuable organization!

We need to tell our friends and acquaintances about AAUW and all of the good work we do. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization, and I am attending an Inter Branch Council meeting tomorrow evening with California's Membership Chair, Kryss Wulff, speaking about ways to increase membership. Here is one way: My work colleague asked, "Diane, would you like to join AAUW?" and I said, "Yes!" That was a pretty straightforward approach to getting a new member. We should try that with a friend or colleague and who knows, we just might acquire several new members!

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through philanthropy, advocacy, education and research. Our mission will continue only if our organization stays strong with a solid membership base helping new members become involved with branch activities. Interest groups, fundraisers such as the Restaurant Walk on October 9th, Miss Representation on October 25th and interesting monthly programs provide a wide variety of activities for prospective members. Let's challenge ourselves to each bring in one new member to AAUW/OML. After all, we have a lot to be proud of!

Diane Bell-Rettger

OCTOBER 2012 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to those who brought a friend to our first Showcase meeting, who met and welcomed visitors, helped with food, set up the room, put up displays and created that important first impression that AAUW has something special going on. We want to include new people. I ask each of you to reach out to those who have questions or might enjoy our branch activities. The survey results for 43 responders at our meeting to the question "Why do you belong to AAUW" were:

1. I belong because I like spending time with smart women. 40
2. I like the activities the branch offers. 36
3. I'm glad I have a way to contribute to the advancement of all women, to pay equity between women and men, or to other priorities of AAUW. 30
4. There are always great snacks... 7
5. I want to contribute to the advancement of girls in STEM. 31
6. I thought this was AA, but decided to stay anyway. 4
7. I like being a member of a state and national organization that values women and girls and that lobbies in Sacramento & Washington on their behalf. 31

We have much to offer and lots of fun creative talents among our members. Spread the word to others and resolve to introduce just one new person to AAUW this year.

Bonnie Gallogly Membership VP

MUSEUM MAVENS

We are excited about the enthusiasm of the 25 members who signed-up during the September meeting. We will plan a Fall, Winter and Spring trip. We have many exciting venues in the Bay Area from which to choose.

If you have a special interest in one exhibit planned for January or February, let Elaine Gallaher (eegal@pacbell.net) or Maryellen Judson (thjudson@aol.com) know as we will need help in planning.

AAUW CA PUBLIC POLICY DEBATES PROPOSITIONS

The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee held a lengthy discussion on five propositions that directly relate to AAUW's mission and Public Policy priorities. In advance of the meeting committee members received information from AAUW's lobbyist about the propositions, did independent research and, after discussion, reached consensus. AAUW-CA positions on these propositions are posted on the website in the Public Policy section at

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&parent=221&pagesid=221>.

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Four enthusiastic women launched a new biking group on Monday, Sept. 24. Biking in the cool autumn sunshine down the Lafayette-Moraga trail was fun and invigorating. They plan to ride for an hour or two on the LAST Monday morning of each month on the many fairly level trails in our area.



If you'd like to get the dust off your bike, or want a good reason to buy a new one, call Ellen Beans, 376-7306 or email, ellen.beans@gmail.com. Riders above are Edy Schwartz, Ellen Beans, Jan Cushman, and Diane Bell-Rettger.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

Signup Deadline October 8, 2012

We will meet nine mornings from 9:30 to 11 A.M. in February and March. Each discussion stands alone, so it is not necessary to attend all nine meetings. We start the first full week (4-8) in February with an organizational meeting, probably in Terzetto's back room. Wednesday seems to be the favored day as of now.

Participants need to buy briefing books containing the articles for discussion by October 8. They cost \$20.

Contact Judy Helder 925 631-0156 (judyhelder@aol.com) For more information go to www.fpa.org

Topics for discussion this year

1. IMPERFECT UNION; THE EUROZONE IN CRISIS
2. POWER TO THE PEOPLE; THE NEW EGYPT
3. JOINT STRIKE; NATO AND THE U.S. IN THE 21ST CENTURY
4. GENERALS AND THE DEMOCRAT; MYANMAR IN TRANSITION
5. THE INTERVENTION CALCULATION / (Why? When? When not to?)
6. LINE IN THE SAND; IRAN, ISRAEL AND THE BOMB
7. FEEDING THE DRAGON; CHINA IN AFRICA

CHECK OUT THE FEDERAL BUDGET CHALLENGE

If you remember the California Budget Challenge presented by Next10.org at an AAUW-OML general meeting last year, you may be curious to learn more about the www.federalbudgetchallenge.org. Find out:

- *Which tax and spending policies will lower the national debt?
- *How can we spark job creation and support business innovation?
- *Can we meet our infrastructure needs?
- *How will we increase our economic growth, protect the environment, and keep America safe?
- *Should Social Security and Medicare be secured for future generations? If so, how?

Users choose from a number of policy choices from freezing spending to eliminating the one-dollar bill. As you consider these difficult choices, you will see how they are impacting the federal budget deficit over the next 10 years. Each choice also includes detailed background information along with supporting and opposing arguments. Call Deana for more information.

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MISS REPRESENTATION TO SHOW AT THE NEW RHEEM THEATRE OCTOBER 25

“Miss Representation” advocates that all people should be equally represented in our media, that our voices should be heard, and we should be valued for our talents, capacity as leaders, and our ability to contribute to the world at large. Unfortunately, American youth are being sold the concept that women and girls’ value lies in their youth, beauty, and sexuality. It is time to break the cycle of mistruth”. Attend our screening of this very important documentary on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 7pm at the New Rheem Theatre in Moraga. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available online via the theatre’s website as well as at the door.

MISS REPRESENTATION
a documentary film by Jennifer Siebel Newsom

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TECH TREKKERS RETURN FROM GRACE HOPPER CAMP



AAUW-OML member Gail Chessler was a “dorm mom” at the Grace Hopper Tech Trek camp.

Six outstanding OML Tech Trek campers returned from the Grace Hopper Tech Trek camp on the Stanford Campus with glowing reports of the interesting things they learned and the exciting activities they experienced. This year, AAUW OML member Gail Chesler was a Dorm Mom at the camp.

Core classes included Oceanography, CSI forensics, 3D Math, and Design Engineering and Physics. To share their stories, all six campers attended a reception on September 11 sponsored by the Tech Trek committee. Their thank you notes are wonderful examples of the enthusiasm these girls have for science and math. A few brief sample comments from their detailed thank you letters follow:



The six AAUW-OML tech trek campers and members of the Tech Trek committee enjoyed the September reception at Sandy Fox-Sohner's house.

--I can't thank you enough for giving me this marvelous opportunity. I went on a field trip with my forensics class to the world renowned Stanford Blood Center. The man who spoke with us created the first FDA approved vaccine for cancer, and his lab was the first lab that screened blood for HIV. (Anna)

--Thank you so much for sending me to this awesome camp. I especially loved my Oceanography core glass. One of

my favorite things I did was dissect a squid with two of my classmates. We cut up the mantle of the squid and saw all of the internal organs, including the stomach and the ink sac. (Caroline)

-- I had so much fun with the great activities at Tech Trek. My favorites were Brain Age Math, Pixar, and the

Virtual Human Interactive Lab. The lab was awesome. We got to enter a virtual world, taking turns wearing the helmet with 3D goggles that let us walk through the worlds. I got to walk through a piazza in Spain. (Cara)

--I had an amazing time at Tech Trek. I discovered that I can learn and have fun at the same time! I want to major in

Please support OML's successful Tech Trek program by purchasing Walnut Creek Restaurant Walk tickets

Biology. This camp has not only been helpful to me right now, but it has prepared me for the future. (Morgan).

--I am so glad I got this wonderful opportunity to come to Tech Trek! I am having a wonderful time in my core class, Physics. It was so neat to be able to build a robot, then program it to do whatever I wanted it to. I also thought that the lady from Pixar who spoke to us was so cool. It was very interesting to see how a movie was put together. (Audrey)

--Your donations changed my life. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I really enjoyed the Professional Women's Night. I have always wanted to be a scientist, but this has been an eye opener. (Maya)

Sandy Fox-Sohner, Tech Trek Chair



OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

6 SAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP
6:00 pm Contact K. Soster-Olmer, 254-5439

1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 20, 25, 29, TENNIS
8:15 am, Saint Mary's Courts

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

4 THU #2 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon Virginia Semrau 283-8056

7 1:25 pm SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS HOME GAME

8, 22, MON GOLF
10:00 am Contact Jan Gee for t-time 938-1316

9 TUES BOARD MEETING
9:30 am 27 Harrington Road, Moraga

9 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

9 TUES A TASTE OF WALNUT CREEK
Restaurant Walk 6:00 -9:00

16 TUES GENERAL MEETING
9:00 am. See page 1 for information

17 WED MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS
1:00 pm Home of Carol Messinger
RSVP messengerd@aol.com

18 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

18 THURS 49ers HOME GAME

19 FRI ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK
10:00 am Orinda Book Store

19 FRI MOVIE GROUPS Group 1, Mary-Leigh Miller
631-9694; Group 2, Mary Stephens Smith, 376-5726; #3
Judy Hammon, 253-4972

23 TUES #5 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon Coordinator: Joan Myers, 363-1962

24 WED WISE WOMEN
1:30 pm Carrol Foxall, 376-7388

24 WED OCTOBER TRIAD DEADLINE
Send items to mgschimbtor@comcast.net

28 FRI DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP
Email: daytime-movie-group@aauwoml.org

25 THURS AFTERNOON
DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP
Contact: daytime-movie-group@aauwoml.org

25 THURS MISS REPRESENTATION
7:00 pm New Rheem Theatre