

Tuesday, November 13

GENERAL MEETING

9:00 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Cultural Center

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is on the second Tuesday this month!

Keynote Speakers will begin their presentation at 9:45



How we instill a love of reading and self expression in our youngest citizens is one of educators' biggest challenges today. How far apart are schools in Oakland, like Burckhalter where OML members work with students who have reading readiness issues, and the elementary schools in our own privileged neighborhoods?

The presenters are experts in the fields of education and reading preparedness. They will talk about the preschool readiness gap, literacy and vocabulary development, and ways to inspire our youth with a life-long love of learning.

Debbie Supple, M.A. is Director and Regional Lead of the Bay Region 4 California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) whose role is to help close the "school readiness gap" and provide all Bay Area children with opportunities to begin Kindergarten ready to learn the new skills necessary for successful lifelong learning. She has published a book for teachers, 61 Cooperative Learning Activities in English as a Second Language and also has a rich background in building student resiliency/social-emotional development.

Dr. Evie Groch is currently a Field Supervisor, Coach, and Mentor for Administrators new to education in Graduate Schools of Education and for teachers entering administration. She is a former Curriculum and Instruction central office and site administrator, and at one time was a high school Spanish teacher. Dr. Groch earned her B.A. from UCLA, did graduate work at UC Berkeley, got her M.S. from Cal State Hayward, and earned her doctorate on women in educational administration from the University of LaVerne.

THE ROAD MORE TRAVELED

HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH CULTURAL CENTER



1700 School St., Moraga

COMING IN DECEMBER.....

NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY GET TOGETHERS

• **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**

10 ~ 12 a.m.

at the home of Sandy Fox-Sohner
27 Williams Drive
Moraga

• **WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 12**

4 ~ 6 p.m.

at the home of Marie Bonilla
3537 Springhill Road
Lafayette

More information in the December issue of the Triad



Sandy Fox-Sohner, Deana Vick Davidson, and Jan Cushman "womanded" a table at the Moraga Pear Festival September 29.

Women⁴Women

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November is here and we have so much for which to be thankful. We are fortunate to live in a country where women can vote. Please vote and encourage your friends and relatives (especially young voters) to go to the polls and participate in the democratic process!

I am grateful to all of our members who came to our Miss Representation fundraiser. Thank you for encouraging neighbors, colleagues, family members and students in the area to attend the screening. We raised \$500 for AAUW/OML priorities! Thank you for all of your help with this project. Many of our attendees thanked me for bringing the film to our community. Those who are concerned with the media's narrow portrayal of women should go to Missrepresentation.org and sign up for their weekly action-oriented emails.

We should think about another big fundraiser for late winter/early spring. If you have ideas, send them to me at dianebell@rettger.com.

The November meeting promises to be interesting: The Education State of Mind-What Can We Do to Build One? We have two great speakers, Debbie Supple, M.A. and Dr. Evie Groch. By then, we will know how the education propositions fared in the election at that time. Since Thanksgiving is November 22, we are having our general meeting on the SECOND Tuesday of the month, November 13; please adjust your calendar.

AAUW/OML is having a networking event on Wednesday, November 7 at the Barbacoa Restaurant in Orinda's Theatre Square. If you cannot attend, please pass the word on to other women. We would like to attract more working women and parents of school-aged children in our area. AAUW's mission is more relevant than ever, and we need to spread the word in our community. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Diane Bell-Rettger

AAUW-OML SCHOLARSHIPS -- A BRANCH PRIORITY

We are thrilled to be able to award two \$5000 Scholarships this coming year at the April 21 awards meeting to deserving graduating women from one of the three Lamorinda Public High Schools: Miramonte, Campolindo, or Acalanes and to one senior woman from St. Mary's College. We will also offer two \$500 scholarships to two additional high school recipients. With your help we can increase the value of these last two scholarships.

The two \$5000 Scholarships are made possible through a most-generous donation from the Campaign Committee to Elect Gayle Uilkema, Supervisor, Dist. 2, Contra Costa County. Gayle, a former President of our branch of AAUW, died this past May.

We thank you in advance for supporting this most important Branch Priority!

MUSEUM MAVENS TRIP TO OAKLAND MUSEUM

The Museum Mavens are planning an outing to the Oakland Museum on Friday, November 9. The docent tour will be for the exhibit called Playing with Fire: Artists of the California Studio Glass Movement.

Since its beginning 50 years ago, the studio glass movement in the United States has undergone an exciting evolution. Before the 1960's, art glass in the U.S. was made in factories. The pioneers of studio glass had to figure out to build furnaces small enough to use in a studio yet hot enough to melt glass. This exhibit explores the ways in which California artists have worked with and evolved this medium.

We will meet at 11:00 a.m. to carpool and have lunch at the museum cafeteria before the 1:00 o'clock tour. Cost for museum entrance and tour is \$4 for museum members, \$16 for non-members, \$13 for seniors. Signup deadline is November 6. For more information and to join us call Elaine Gallaher at 925-254-3618.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of October 17, the branch had 153 paid members. If you have not paid, please send your dues for \$89 to Shelly Drasin, 76 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette, CA, 94549. Forms are available on the website if you misplaced the one sent in the mail. Your support is important for the continuation of the branch.

AAUW has much to offer; topical monthly meetings, varied interest groups, and scholarships for young women just to name a few. Please encourage your friends to join!

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SISTER-TO-SISTER 2012-2013



Laura Wittenberg & Valarie Burgess with Girls' Leadership Institute founder and author Rachel Simmons on Oct 24.

As we begin the 14th year reaching out to empower girls in the OML community, Sister-to-Sister leaders Valarie Burgess and Laura Wittenberg were thrilled to receive feedback from high school girls about how their lives have been enhanced by participating in S2S. They describe taking definitive steps to improve situations in their schools and extracurricular activities, applying communication skills to improve their relationships with peers and parents, as well as feeling more confident about their ability to help others and participate in volunteerism. We have received positive feedback from AAUW members and donors, and enjoyed the palpable



excitement at the October 7 training. Thanks to the many AAUW-OML donors who contribute to enabling the continuation of this important community outreach program.

To ensure S2S delivers the best and most relevant information, Laura and Valarie traveled to Boston in October to attend a Girls Leadership Institute training. Rachel Simmons, author of *Odd Girl Out* and *Curse of the Good Girl*, has developed a curriculum for teach-

ing effective communication skills to teen girls so that they can advocate more for themselves and build strong relationships. In addition, Valarie was at Colby College in Maine in June to be trained in Lyn Mikel Brown's work training girls to "talk back" to media about offensive and disempowering advertising, toys and messages.

We welcome Val's daughter Jessica Burgess who has just returned from Washington DC as our newest trainer. Her skills as a theater director in teambuilding as well as her energy and enthusiasm are a great addition to the program.



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NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

1 THURS CRITICS' CHOICE BOOK GROUP

Please rotate your book

1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 26, 29, TENNIS
8:15 am, Saint Mary's Courts

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

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

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

7 NETWORKING EVENT
5-7 pm, La Barbacoa Restaurant, Orinda

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

11 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS HOME GAME
Contact Marie Bonilla, edmarie.bonilla@comcast.net

12, 26, MON GOLF
10:00 am Contact Jan Gee for t-time 938-1316

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

13 TUES GENERAL MEETING
9:00 am. See page 1 for information
****Note: Date is 2nd Tuesday****

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

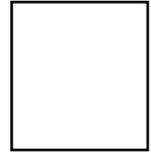
15 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

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

24 SAT DECEMBER TRIAD DEADLINE
Send items to mgschimbtor@comcast.net

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



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

28 WISE WOMEN
1:00 Contact Carol Foxall, 376-7388

WRITE TO CONGRESSMAN GARAMENDI

In October, former Finance Vice President Holly Herr went to Congressman Garamendi's local office and requested the Congressman's help with getting OML's 501c3 status approved. Holly and former branch President Mary Helene Tietz have worked on getting the application approved for over a year with no results. Make your voice heard on this issue. Send an email asking to have OML's application approved before the end of this year. Go to https://garamendi.house.gov/htbin/form-proc_za/zip-auth.txt&form=/contact-me/email-me-zip-authenticated&nobase&fpGetVer=2

You can also send a note to the Congressman's office at 1981 North Broadway Walnut Creek, CA 94596, or call his office: (925) 932-8899. Let's put the Congressman to work for our branch. Thanks for your help, Judy Hammon, Finance V.P.