

OML presents ... **SHOWCASE** Tuesday, September 17 with Special Guest Speaker

IT'S NOT EASY "GETTING" GREEN



IMMIGRATION REFORM: WHAT STILL MATTERS... and what are the steps needed to obtain that all-important but elusive Green Card? These topics will be addressed at OML's kick-off September meeting.

The first gathering of the academic year will also *SHOWCASE* our branch's many projects and special interest groups, providing everyone with an opportunity to get reacquainted with what OML has to offer. Tables will be set up with sign-up sheets and descriptions of all the Priorities and member activities.

9 am ~ Coffee, snacks and networking
9:45 ~ The program begins

The morning's keynote speak speaker is **Juan Ortiz**, staff attorney for the Antioch office of the International Institute of the Bay Area. He will address current laws affecting immigrants, both legal and illegal, and present some of the issues and implications surrounding reform of the immigration system and the current processes that a person needs to go through to immigrate to study, work or immigrate to our country. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

For ninety years in northern California, the **International Institute of the Bay Area** has provided fair, accurate and low cost legal advice on more than fifty USCIS federal government procedures that can move individuals and families toward becoming US citizens, with all the rights and responsibilities that come with full participation in our democracy. The institute provides programs and services for immigrant and refugee families that ease the transition to American life.

The community is invited and the program is free. We welcome guests!

All meetings of the OML Branch are held at the
HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH CULTURAL CENTER
1700 School St., Moraga 

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

Women⁴Women

Eliza Jamcochian brings her own special glamour to OML in October when our branch presents **FASHIONS for FUN(DS)**, showcasing local women entrepreneurs. The event will include a buffet lunch and **MarketPlace**, featuring OML artisans. There will also be an opportunity to purchase fashions and accessories.



When: October 15
10 am ~ 1 pm

Where: Holy Trinity Serbian Cultural Center

Who: Glamorous Boutique
STR Designs
Hacienda Café
MarketPlace Artisans

Cost: \$20

Advanced reservations are required
Money raised will benefit the AAUW Funds (Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy).

More info in next month's TRIAD

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PIPINGS from the PRESIDENT

Ready...Set...GO! As I wrote in our special August edition of the Triad, this summer has had so much energy and enthusiasm that I could almost light up my house with it! If only ;-)



The AAUW OML Board members have indeed been busy beavers. Within the pages of this Triad, please find the draft budget that Judy Hammom and her committee have put forth. Read it, as we need to vote on it at the September 17 meeting. This meeting will also feature "Showcase". Perhaps you've been thinking about joining a new interest group or even starting a new interest group yourself. This is the meeting for you! On the serious side, we will also have a speaker discussing some immigration issues. Come and listen to what you may not be aware of.

The very dedicated group of tutors and library volunteers at Burekhalter School have been working already this summer. **Carol Messenger** is matching tutors to teachers and classes and the librarians are "reading the shelves" to ready the library for the students. The library is open three days a week now. I'll bet they will be seeking more volunteers at Showcase. *Can you help out?*

Another article to look for in this Triad is the Scholarship Committee's announcement of the winner of the 4 A's tickets that I pulled during their luncheon meeting on August 22 at **Sally Swanson's** lovely home in Moraga. Talk about energy! Wow! This committee is on fire with new, fun ideas for fund raising along with raising the community's awareness of our AAUW local branch.

K de Groot, Mary Leigh Miller and I have been working together to organize a really enjoyable October meeting for us all. It has been so rewarding for me personally to meet some of our local women entrepreneurs that we will be featuring at our Fashion Show/Luncheon/Fun(d) Raiser for AAUW Funds. I know you will love meeting Eliza Jamkochian of *Glamorous Boutique* in Lafayette and Gayle Somers and Aly Dean of the *Hacienda Cafe* in Moraga. **Marketplace** will also be held in October.

Last, but not least, **Pat Lopker** has been at the helm of the advertising committee. I'm told that we have many repeat advertisers and a few new ones too. YEAH TEAM!

Those of you who attended the May Luncheon and Installation of Officers this year heard **Ellen Beans** present each officer with a key. She explained how each of us had a "key role" to play in the branch's success and operation. I challenge each of you, as members of AAUW OML, to get out your old roller skate keys, strap on your skates, and have the ride of your life with us this coming year!

See you very soon!

Karen Mankowski

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2013-2014

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| President Karen Mankowski | Vice-President, AAUW Funds-Education Jan Cushman |
| President-Elect Gail Chesler | Vice-President, AAUW Funds-Legal Advocacy Diane Bell-Rettger |
| Vice-Presidents, Membership Bonnie Gallogly, Anita Cox | Vice-President, Finance Judy Hammon |
| Vice-President, Program Nancy Brewer | Recording Secretary Therese Tamaro |

AAUW Association Website: <http://www.aauw.org>
California AAUW Website: <http://www.aauw-ca.org>

SAVE THE DATE!

THE WALNUT CREEK RESTAURANT WALK
Tuesday Evening, October 1

More than 25 restaurants will be providing delicious samples from their menus. For \$30, you will receive a book with coupons for each of the participating restaurants. Ticket sales will benefit our OML Tech Trek Fund

Buy your coupon book at SHOWCASE or send your check to:
GAIL CHESLER
2914 FINE DR
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598
and she will arrange to have the coupon book delivered to you.

For questions contact Sandy Fox-Sohner at 925-631-0668.

ps - It's fun to plan the evening "sampling" with your friends



2013 OML Tech Trek Girls
Read more about TECH TREK on page 3

FOCUS ON ... TECH TREK

OML TECH TREKKERS AND DORM MOMS HAD A BLAST!!

Cars fueled by mousetraps and solar energy, strawberry DNA extraction, robots turning figure-8s (*see photo below*), NASA, blood lab, virtual reality headset, building an Italian cathedral and a Ferris wheel with newspapers, Saturn in a real telescope at the Star Party, Antarctica, dissecting a squid, quad dorm rooms, cafeteria food – and even a murder mystery in the dorm! These are just a few of the fabulous experiences that the OML Tech Trekkers enjoyed during the **Grace Hopper Tech Trek Math and Science Camp** at Stanford on July 14-20.

The camp was kicked off by an inspiring speech by former judge Ladoris Cordell, who challenged the girls to be “upstanders” rather than “bystanders” in life. The girls also had a unique opportunity to hear from the Stanford director of student aid funds about how private colleges like Stanford make higher education possible for people of all incomes – and if they didn’t believe her, she said she would haunt their dreams as the fat old white woman!



Dorm Moms Have Fun, Too! Gail Chesler (left) watches a spinning robot that she helped build with another Tech Trek mom (on right)

OML Dorm Moms **Gail Chesler** and **Jan Cushman** kept very busy with our six OML campers and 16 additional girls in their dorm groups – making sure everyone got to the right location and lots of walking to buildings on campus. They participated in Professional Women’s Night – sort of like speed dating for the girls to meet and ask questions of 12 women with STEM-related careers. The girls even got to get some sleep – except for that last night when everyone was excited to be going home and sad to say goodbye to their new friends. Everyone left with huge smiles on their faces and many unique experiences to remember.

The girls sponsored by our branch were competitively selected from the OML middle schools by our branch members. AAUW will be selecting another round of Tech Trekkers in the spring of 2014, and some of the 2013 girls may have a chance to return as junior counselors in 2016.



Photos at right: (top) A chemistry lab experiment; (bottom) Dorm groups compete in building a creative newspaper project, including this ferris wheel.

WHAT IS TECH TREK?

Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held. Learn more about this state-wide program at www.aauw-techtrek.org

The OML Branch has been sending middle school girls to Tech Trek camp since 1998 and to date, we have sponsored 53 girls. It is only in the last few years that the branch has been able to send six girls instead of the usual three

The girls who went to Stanford this year are: **Ariella Zulch, Molly Mudgett, Audrey Moore, Natalie Davis, Julia Moseyko** and **Chun Che Free**. The cost to send each girl to Tech Trek camp is currently \$900.



THE WALNUT CREEK RESTAURANT WALK contributes to the funds required to send our Tech Trek girls to Summer Camp at Stanford.

BUY YOUR COUPON BOOK at SHOWCASE or contact Gail Chesler. More details on page 2.

SISTER-to-SISTER

15 Years of Sisterhood

This year OML's Sister-to-Sister will be celebrating its fifteenth year of reaching out to adolescent girls in the community. Since 2000 the program has empowered hundreds of girls to believe in themselves and the power of sisterhood. To mark this milestone, we will be reaching out to the many girls who participated as facilitators over the years. A first-ever reunion is being planned to take place during the holiday season this year. The young women who helped us launch the program are now in their early 30's!



As we begin the year, preparing applications and contacting the local high schools, we are excited to look back on the contribution we have made and the amazing girls that we have gotten to work with. We are also looking forward to meeting new girls who come to us with such talent and energy, but also with stories of challenges and disappointments they have experienced.



In partnership with the JMIS PTA, we will be offering a new program in Moraga on leadership and communication skills. Targeting seventh grade girls, lessons will cover such topics as creating strong friendships, building trust, identifying feelings and being able to talk about them, as well as questioning cultural stories about girlhood today.



We have a strong training team in place with Valarie's daughter Jessi joining us, Karen Wolfe, MFT, and Angela Galipeau, as former S2S facilitator (Las Lomas, 2008). We have a need for someone who can coordinate dinners for the high school facilitator trainings between September and March. Contact Valarie or Laura if you would like to contribute to this valuable activity in this vital capacity.

Valarie Burgess
(925) 376-2517

Laura Wittenberg
(925) 788-0901

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

FUNDS for SCHOLARSHIPS iPhone for Technologically Challenged OCTOBER 18



Basic – 9:00-10:30 am
Advanced – 11:00-12:30 pm
Sign up for one or both

Hands-on Workshop to benefit the AAUW Scholarships Fund. Turn your iPhone challenges into your "i" dream. All you need to know to get you started and keep you going. Learn by doing and practicing together! 1.5 hours each session.

\$35.00 per workshop
\$60.00 for two (two for you, or sign up with a friend)

Sign up early! Max class size: 12 participants,
Location: 28 Alta Vista, Orinda
Email or call to register: <xenija@aol.com>
(925) 708-0770



A'S GAME DRAWING

The lucky winner of tickets to the September 5th A's game is **DONNA MURRAY** of Walnut Creek. Our president picked the winning ticket at the Scholarship Committee Meeting on August 22nd. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$800.00 to help fund our scholarships.

The Committee wishes to thank each of you who participated and Dick Callahan who so generously donated the tickets. A deserving young woman from Lamorinda will benefit and be grateful for our scholarship. In addition we would like to thank those members who sent in donations this past summer. We are off to a good start towards reaching our goal of \$1800. Be on the watch for some interesting and new fund raising ideas coming soon!

Sally and Mary Ann



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Why belong to AAUW? You make a difference in the lives of women and girls. Your membership provides:

- **\$3.7 million annually in fellowships, grants, and awards** that encourage educational and professional development, as well as resources for members facing employment challenges
- **networking and mentoring opportunities** for professional and personal growth, in person and online
- **relevant and timely information** on issues impacting women and girls through our research, magazine, and action briefings, all available with exclusive member benefits and discounts
- **the chance to build lifelong relationships with likeminded women**

Send renewals in now in order for your name to appear in the OML annual 2013-2014 Directory.

Give a Grad a Gift to a woman or man who is graduating from a college or university in 2013. You can give a recent grad a free, one-year AAUW (and AAUW California) membership at no cost to you or to them. Expose a grad to the power that comes from joining a national women-led organization at aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift

*Bonnie Gallogly
Membership V.P.*

WANTED!

- Volunteers to work at the **OML Pear Festival booth** on Sept 28th for a couple of hours between 10am and 4pm.
- Meet & Greeters at the start of our monthly meetings, esp. Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19

Just an hour or two of your time for either of these activities would be a great help.

Contact Bonnie
<bonniegal5@me.com>

MONEY MATTERS

Last year the OML Branch received its very own 501(c)(3) tax exempt status with the IRS. Our 501(c)(3) has its own bank account, which you hopefully have heard about. It has an impressive name—*the American Association of University Women Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch Community Outreach Fund, Inc.*, which can be abbreviated as **AAUW OML Community Outreach Fund**.

This is a perfect name as our new Community Outreach Fund account handles all donations to support the branch charitable projects, which include Community Projects (Burekhalter), Sister to Sister, Tech Trek, Scholarship, and the new Start Smart project. In the future, when you send in donation checks for branch fundraisers for any of these projects, please make the checks out to **AAUW OML Community Outreach Fund**. And, so that we will know which charity your check goes to, please write the name of the specific charitable project on the memo line.

*Judy Hammon
Finance V.P.*

Complimentary Online Month for all OML Advertisers!

Each year our branch publishes the directory in October and the online newsletter monthly. OML solicits advertising from local businesses as a way of visibly giving our membership an awareness of what they offer.

As this advertising year ends, we want thank those businesses that renew each year. To our clients who were new in 2012-13, we hope they have benefitted. All will receive an additional month of September online presence, as our Ad Team completes the cycle and prepares for a 2013-14 Advertising Sales year. We appreciate all our advertisers.

If you know of a business or service that would consider advertising, contact **Pat Lopker** <califpal@aol.com>

2012-13 AAUW OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS

*AAUW members

LAFAYETTE

AMARIN Thai Cuisine
Asian Accents ~Original Jewelry
Design by K deGroot,*
Creative Alterations,
Josef Jamkochain
DIABLO FOODS
Glamorous Boutique
Open Sesame Specialty Foods
Persons Plastic & Reconstructive
Surgery, Barbara Persons, MD
Ware Designs – Fine Jewelry

MORAGA

AMOROMA Ristorante
GOODWILL Industries, East Bay
King Florist & Gifts
National Assoc. for Advancement of
Female People,
Diane Bell-Rettger*
Neighborhood Computers
New Delhi Indian Bistro
Royal Siam Thai Cuisine
SHOP MORAGA FIRST
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Total Clean
Via Vienté – Lana Reichick*

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Gary's Handyman Service
Soraya Golesorkhi*, Realtor
Caldwell Banker
Morrison's Jewelers
Orinda Theatre
Redwood Cottage
(Sea Ranch Vacation Rental)
Elaine Gallaher*

WALNUT CREEK

Maxine Christison Interior Designs
Maxine Christison*
Diablo Symphony (Contact Janet
Mendenhall* for ticket info)

Look for the new 2013-14 Ad Listings in the October issue

THE BURCKHALTER COMMUNITY PROJECT

Opportunities for YOU to get involved!



Burckhalter Elementary School was “adopted” by OML in 1993. The OML Branch has been providing volunteers to tutor students or to staff the library at this underserved K-5 school located off of Hwy 13 in Oakland every year since!

If you want a volunteer opportunity that offers incredible rewards, please consider these opportunities:

- **In the Library:** Volunteers work either Mondays or Thursdays helping students & teachers on weekly visits and sharing the clerical tasks. This is an all-volunteer library, staffed with an enthusiastic team.

- **In the Classroom:** Tutors work one-on-one with students or work with the teacher in the classroom. Tutors usually commit to one ½ day per week. (Your choice of grade level and day of week). No experience is necessary, but it is important to find a good match for the teacher & grade level with whom you will feel compatible. All of the students appreciate the special attention they get from a tutor!

Please contact me for more information, or call me to arrange a visit to the school. **You will be glad you did!**

*Carol Messinger, 283-8741
Chair, Community Projects*



PHOTOS (from top)

- **Burckhalter Elem. Sch.**
- **Mary Ellen Judson helps a student choose a library book**
- **K. de Groot presents a lesson on Chinese New Year celebration with 1st grade class**
- **Therese Tamaro with students she tutored in math**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOCUS ON... OML BOOK GROUPS

BEST SELLERS/CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP

What this group is about: Books are chosen from best-seller lists and favorable reviews. Members pay a fee and rotate ten books monthly, keeping the last book. There are no monthly meetings set to discuss the books

What you can do: Sign up by sending a check for \$20 to **Mary Stephens Smith, 1096 Sanders Drive, Moraga**, by September 13th. Come to the book selection meeting on Monday, September 16, to help select books for the coming year.

ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK GROUP

What this group is about: Read the book and discuss it at monthly meetings held at Orinda Books. Share your thoughts with people who all have interesting viewpoints.

Book selections for 2013-14:

- Sept 20 *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- Oct 18 *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff
- Nov 15 *The Defining Moment* by Jonathan Alter
- Dec 20 *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman
- Jan 17 *The 19th Wife: A Novel* by David Ebershoff
- Feb 21 *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver
- Mar 21 *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor
- April 18 *The Distant Land of My Father* by Bo Caldwell
- May 16 - 10:30 a.m. Luncheon and book selection for the next year

Find out more about all the OML Special Interest Groups at SHOWCASE on Sept. 17

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT - WELLS FARGO GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

| | FY 12 | FY 13 | FY 13 | FY'14 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | JUNE '12 | JUNE '13 | | PROPOSED |
| | Yr to Date | Yr to Date | BUDGET | BUDGET |
| INCOME | | | | |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES | \$3,619 | \$3,572 | \$4,000 | \$3,500 |
| ADVERTISING | \$5,600 | \$4,590 | \$5,000 | \$4,500 |
| INTEREST | \$515 | \$375 | \$500 | \$400 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | \$0 | \$0 | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$9,734 | \$8,537 | \$9,500 | \$8,400 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | | |
| General | \$682 | \$443 | \$1,045 | \$600 |
| Memorial Gifts | \$100 | \$150 | \$200 | \$200 |
| Historian | \$37 | \$32 | \$0 | \$50 |
| Insurance | \$491 | \$564 | \$500 | \$600 |
| SubTotal | \$1,310 | \$1,189 | \$1,745 | \$1,450 |
| MEETINGS | | | | |
| Hospitality Supplies | \$293 | \$327 | \$250 | \$350 |
| Past President Event | \$113 | \$84 | \$125 | \$100 |
| Program | \$365 | \$736 | \$1,200 | \$1,000 |
| Room Rental | \$1,090 | \$1,050 | \$1,200 | \$1,050 |
| April Awards Event | \$99 | \$159 | \$250 | \$250 |
| May/Charter Luncheons | (\$67) | \$70 | \$100 | \$100 |
| Prior Year Expense | \$125 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| SubTotal | \$2,018 | \$2,426 | \$3,125 | \$2,850 |
| COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT | | | | |
| Coalition Partners/St. Marys | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Public Policy | \$0 | \$51 | \$50 | \$50 |
| EF Expense | \$90 | \$69 | \$50 | \$50 |
| State Funds Assessment | | | | \$60 |
| LAF Expense | \$0 | \$0 | \$50 | \$50 |
| SubTotal | \$90 | \$120 | \$150 | \$210 |
| LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION | | | | |
| National Convention (Odd years only) | \$0 | \$1,863 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| State Convention (Even years only) | \$650 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 |
| Regional/District Mtngs/Training | \$50 | \$0 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Past President's Pin | \$80 | \$0 | \$0 | \$80 |
| Distinguished Woman Award | \$330 | \$317 | \$300 | \$300 |
| SubTotal | \$1,110 | \$2,180 | \$2,350 | \$2,430 |
| MEMBERSHIP | | | | |
| Membership | \$404 | \$224 | \$500 | \$400 |
| Overview/Directory | \$434 | \$541 | \$650 | \$600 |
| Triad | \$336 | \$99 | \$500 | \$150 |
| Advertisers | \$159 | \$0 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Website/AAUW e-news | \$341 | \$399 | \$400 | \$400 |
| SubTotal | \$1,674 | \$1,263 | \$2,200 | \$1,700 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$6,202.00 | \$7,178 | \$9,570 | \$8,640 |
| SURPLUS/DEFICIT | \$3,532 | \$1,359 | (\$70) | (\$240) |

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

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

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

9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 MON & THURS – TENNIS
8:15-10 am Contact Tory Courtney 376-1295

9, 23 MON – GOLF
10:00 am Contact Jan Gee for t-time 938-1316

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

10 TUES – BOARD MEETING
1 pm 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette

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

12 THURS – COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS
5-7 pm El Charro, Lafayette

16 MON – CRITICS' CHOICE BOOK GROUP
Meet to select coming year's books at home of
Mary Stephens Smith 376-5726 (Read more on page 6)

17 TUES – GENERAL MEETING
9-11:30 am Holy Trinity Cultural Center
1700 School St., Moraga

18 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
1-3 pm Home of Cayo Marschner
RSVP – Carol Messinger

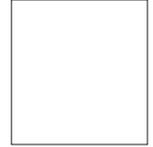
19 THURS – #4 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Jessie Dolman 254-5019

20 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
10 am Contact Susan Wilson 376-0606 (Read more on page 6)

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

24 TUES – OCTOBER TRIAD DEADLINE
Send items to mlmiller602@gmail.com

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PO Box 6705
Moraga, CA
94570-6705



25 WED – WISE WOMEN
1 pm Contact Carrol Foxall 376-7388

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

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

OCTOBER (look for more listings in the October issue)

1 TUES – RESTAURANT WALK, Walnut Creek
6-9 pm Contact Gail Chesler 286-2548

8 TUES – BOARD MEETING
1 pm 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette

15 TUES – GENERAL MEETING
9:00 am. Look for all the details in the October Triad

18 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK
Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff
10 am Contact Susan Wilson 376-0606 (Read more on page 6)

18 FRI – iPHONE FOR THE TECHNOLOGICALLY
CHALLENGED WORKSHOP
9-10:30 & 11-12:30
28 Alta Vista, Orinda
Contact Ksenija Olmer 708-0770 (Read more on page 4)