

Join Us For Holiday Cheer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

from 3:00 ~ 5:00 pm
Home of KELLY CLAUSSEN
3160 Somerset Pl. • Lafayette

RSVP to MARYELLEN JUDSON
283-2387
thjudson@aol.com

Kathy Burnett, owner of
THE BLOOM SPACE
(one of our new advertisers)
will demonstrate exciting ways
to enhance ordinary
objects around your house
into colorful accessories

Members and friends are cordially invited to either or both
gatherings. Food and refreshments will be served at each home.
Please RSVP to the co-hostesses if you plan to join us.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

from 10:00 am ~ noon at
Home of TRUDY BARRON
175 Draeger Ave. • Moraga

RSVP to MARY LEIGH MILLER
631-9694
mlmiller602@gmail.com

JUDY HELDER will lead a
holiday sing-a-long with piano
accompaniment

Bring a **TREE ORNAMENT**
for a gift exchange

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

SEXUAL ASSAULT NAMING THE UNNAMED CONSPIRATOR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014
1:30 pm (Program begins at 2)
LAFAYETTE LIBRARY
3491 MT. DIABLO BLVD
LAFAYETTE

In a 57-minute film, Anne Munch, J.D. examines how societal attitudes influence cases of sexual assault. A panel of experts will lead a discussion following the showing of the film.



Presented by **Interbranch Council of AAUW of Contra Costa County**. Open to the general public at no charge.

This Special Program takes the place of our regularly scheduled meeting in January.

Please turn to page 6 for more information on this film.

PLEASE NOTE

- **THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER**
- **THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT A DIFFERENT TIME & VENUE**



Holiday Giving



Join us for OML's Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive

WHAT: Donations of food & toys are distributed to the Monument Crisis Center

WHEN: Bring your donations to the Holiday Neighborhood Coffees

[Read more on page 7](#)

Light Up Your Life

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
in Danville followed by dinner at the Brass Door

MUSEUM MAVINS offers this festive way to enjoy the holiday season with a carpool tour of several neighborhoods in Danville, known for their elaborate displays of **Christmas lights**.

RSVPs are essential! Deadline: Monday, Dec. 09
Contact PAT LOPKER • 376-5155

[Read more on page 7](#)

PIPING from the PRESIDENT



Greetings to you all, OK, who stole November!?! Is it an age thing? Time is just flying by me...maybe the old adage of "Time flies when you're havin' fun." is true. Let's hope so.

Kudos to Alison Mackenzie for a fabulous explanation of the Affordable Care Act that she presented at our November General Meeting. She made a very complex subject both easy to understand and humorous as well. Even my simple mind absorbed the info.

December brings two social gatherings: a Tea on Friday, December 13th, at the lovely home of Kelly Claussen from 3-5 pm and a coffee on Tuesday, December 17th, at Trudy Barron's Moraga home from 10-12 noon. Please find further details in this Triad.

In January we will be "shaking it up" a bit! The Board is referring to it as *Time Diversity*. Rather than having our regular monthly General Meeting on the third Tuesday morning of the month, we are switching days and times and locations. Mark your calendars for: Sunday, January 26, 2014, from 1:30-4:30 at the Lafayette Library Auditorium. Our very own Diane Bell-Rettger will be presenting an excellent documentary film followed by a panel discussion of a very timely topic. We will be partnering with the other seven AAUW Contra Costa Branches. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see other AAUW women and share a meaningful program. We'll be back in Moraga at Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center on Tuesday, February 18th for a talk given by one of AAUW's Fellowship awardees. She's fabulous! You're gonna love her, I promise!!

Until we see each other again, *Happy Holidayze!* Best Regards,

Karen Mankowski

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We warmly welcome five new members to OML:

- **Amy Chen** has a background in Architecture and currently focus on raising her two children in Orinda.
- **Staci Gerson** from Lafayette, one of our models in last months' fashion show, has a background in marketing.
- **Anna Bodily** from Lafayette is retired from a career in Accounting.
- **Patty Proctor**, also a Lafayette resident, is looking forward to finding activities to engage her as she approaches an empty nest.
- **Christine Walwyn** from Moraga came as a guest of Stacia Cragmont. Her degrees are in International Relations and Finance.

Members new and old are encouraged to attend one of our December social gatherings. The small group setting of these events is a great opportunity to learn more about the diverse and interesting women who support our mission to promote education and equity for women.

In belonging to OML you have a chance to make new friends who share similar interests or passions. Set a goal to get involved in 2014 and support our priorities. There is something for everyone.

Bonnie Gallogly, Membership VP

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE ASKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Diane and Sandy are looking for three fun-loving OML members to join them on the Nominating Committee. The goal is to provide a dynamic slate of officers for next year. Please call to let them know you're interested in helping create an exciting list of AAUW OML leaders.

- **SANDY FOX-SOHNER**
(925) 631-0668
- **DIANE BELL-RETTGER**
(925)376-5584

YEAR-END DONATIONS

With the end of 2013 approaching, some of you will be making your year-end donations. If your giving includes AAUW, below is a quick reference for how to make out your checks. Note that donations to all of the following are tax deductible.

• **For all donations to our branch charities:** checks should be made out to AAUW-OML Community Outreach Fund. In the memo line, please put the name of the specific charity you wish to support. These include: Sister-to-Sister, Scholarship, Tech Trek, or Burckhalter.

• **For all donations to national association's various funds:** checks should be made out to AAUW Funds. In the memo line, please put the Fund #. Some of the most popular funds, with their number and a description are listed below. Others can be found at the AAUW website www.aauw.org.

Fund # Fund Name & Description

9110 AAUW Funds – Unrestricted gift to support all AAUW programs.

4336 Educational Opportunities Fund – Supports various educational initiatives and grants.

9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund – Supports research and publications on issues important to women and girls.

3999 Legal Advocacy Fund – Supports the protection of the legal rights of those facing discrimination.

3085 Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund – Supports programs to protect college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault.

Judy Hammon, VP, Finance

FOCUS ON ... OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our Community — Our Young Women — Their Education

Forty-five years ago the Orinda branch of AAUW decided to honor Miramonte High School senior girls who had shown excellent academic achievement. A committee was formed, and the school counselors agreed to nominate the girls. The student with the highest grade point average was chosen and awarded a college book certificate. Her name was engraved on a trophy, which was displayed in the school's trophy case. When the branch expanded to include Moraga and Lafayette, their high schools were added. Soon all sides of those little trophy cups began to fill up.

In the early 1970s OML extended its scholarship support to include the higher education institutions in Lamorinda. The committee felt that having John F. Kennedy University and Saint Mary's College in our midst enhanced the quality of all education in Lamorinda and began offering awards to a senior woman from each of these colleges.



2013 Scholarship winners pose with keynote speaker, Danielle Feinberg from Pixar Studios

In the 1990s the Scholarship Committee decided to enhance the scholarship program. Working through the school counseling centers the committee asked students to submit a written application. A community service component was added to reflect AAUW's mission of service to the community. AAUW/OML members were generous with their support and funds grew to approximately \$500 per winner. In the mid-2000s an interview with committee members was added to the application process.

Our Branch's continued educational support of exemplary young women in the community has stood the test of time. With our help these women have continued to excel in college, laying the foundation of an enriched life. They continue to contribute to their communities and the lives of others. Over the years they have contacted us to tell us of their accomplishments and how much they have appreciated our help. They also continue to serve as an example for our community's younger girls, including those involved with Tech Treck and Sister-to-Sister.

The educational support we at AAUW/OML give to our own community enhances the overall quality of education in Lamorinda. The current Scholarship Committee wants to thank all our members for their support and contributions for forty-five years!

Goals for this year

- Inform our branch members of the needs and benefits of local scholarships
- Raise \$1,800 for two \$800 scholarships and expenses incurred
- Add funds for scholarships in future years

Accomplishments

- Successful A's ticket raffle
- Successful iPhone workshop
- Enrolled thirteen students in a Princeton Review workshop

THE LEGACY of GAYLE ULIKEMA



When **Gayle Ulikema** passed away in May of 2012, we at AAUW-OML lost a dear friend. She was a longtime member of our branch, serving as president in 1972-73 and receiving the Distinguished Woman Award in 1978.

Gayle embraced this branch's vision: we "will make a positive impact on our local and global community by promoting education, empowering women and girls and supporting personal and professional growth." And this she did.

Education was an integral part of Gayle's life. After graduating from the University of Michigan she earned a master's degree in public administration at California State Hayward and taught classes in public administration at UC Berkeley Extension, California State East Bay, and JFKU.

Without question, Gayle served our local community, first on Lafayette's City Council for 19 years, including four terms as mayor, and then on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, representing District 2, for four terms.

When Gayle was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, it became clear that she would not be running for another office and therefore would not use the remaining money in her Campaign for Re-election. Gayle willed these funds to OML, asking that they be used for local scholarships of \$5,000 each for girls, graduate and undergraduate.

Gayle was a powerful role model for girls and women. Her legacy will remind us each year as a scholarship is awarded, that women can accomplish much when they are recognized and given a helping hand.

Scholarships continued on page 4

FOCUS ON ... *OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM*, continued

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS REVISITED

Our branch awards scholarships, and then the recipients leave home to begin the next stage in their education. What happens next? We asked two of the women who received awards: What are you doing now? **Jenanne Vaccaro** is active in student government. **Elaine Lin** has worked around the world. Their stories follow:



Jenanne Vaccaro, of Lafayette, was last year's scholarship recipient and is now enrolled in Claremont McKenna College. She writes, *"In the last three months . . . I have engaged in a dynamic mix of thought-provoking courses, leadership events and social activities. My positions in student government, particularly in Freshman Presidential Council and Student Life Activities Board, have allowed me to connect with my peers through planning and organizing events on campus. I have also enjoyed my role working with the Kravis Leadership Institute on 'Student ImpACT,' which supports social entrepreneurship at the five Claremont Colleges. My favorite class I have taken this semester is a literature course titled The American Dream. In this class we have studied the obstacles to achieving this dream through various racial, gender and class theories."*



Elaine Lin is a graduate of Miramonte High School (2003), UC Berkeley, and Harvard Law School. Her education prepared her for work that has taken her around the world. We asked her what she is doing and here is her reply.

After law school I worked overseas in Australia and New Zealand as a consultant, teaching negotiation and conflict management at one of the law schools in Melbourne, working with corporate and nonprofit clients throughout the region, and training other consultants in doing this work. Afterward, I moved back to Boston to join a boutique communication and conflict-management consulting firm started by a couple of the folks at the Harvard Negotiation Project. We help organizations, teams and individuals develop the capacity to handle difficult conversations – whether giving and receiving feedback, negotiating, influencing, managing up – trying to address issues before they escalate, or managing them when they do. They are based on Harvard Square but work globally. In the past year I've worked with senior leaders of global insurance companies, cancer researchers and pharmaceutical folks around the world, microlending organizations in East Africa, psychologists in Beijing, and in a couple of weeks will be with senior executive agency heads at the White House – trying to figure out how to help them work better together. It's great work and I'm enjoying it tremendously! I'm certainly thankful for AAUW's support!

The SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Gail Burnett, Lisa Geary, Callie Gilbert, Maryellen Judson, Lynda Leonard, Mary Ann McLeod, Ksenija Soster-Olmer, Sally Swanson, Joy El-kinton-Walker and Brother Brendan (St. Mary's).

**Save the Date:
Friday, February 7
A Valentine Party!**

**Hosted by
ROBBI SENDEROV
1232 Upper Happy Valley Rd
Lafayette
1:00 to 3:30 pm**



Grab your calendar and circle the date – February the 7th – and join the Scholarship Committee for A Valentine Party!

There will be chocolate, piano music, and singing. Make a valentine for that special person in your life. There will be great raffle prizes. Celebrate friendship, music, creativity, and the opportunity to indulge in dessert. *Bring a friend.*

Proceeds from the party will go into the scholarship fund, which benefits young women in the Lamorinda area who are dedicated to community service and academic achievement.

The suggested donation of \$14 is tax deductible, and you receive one free raffle ticket. Make your check payable to AAUW-OML Community Outreach Fund. Specify in the memo line that the donation goes to scholarships. Mail your check to:

**Mary Ann McLeod
100 Greenfield Drive
Moraga, CA 94556**

A copy of our flier is on the AAUW-OML website. Deadline for reservations is Friday, January 24.

**Scholarship articles contributed by
Lynda Leonard**



Sister-to-Sister Turns 15!

Fifteen years ago OML launched its first Sister-to-Sister (S2S) Summit. During that time, the program has matured and director **Valarie Burgess** asked some of the high school facilitators how S2S has helped them. *Listed at right is a sampling of their responses.*

The Sister-to-Sister program brings together middle school and high school girls from our communities for a day-long conference – the Summit – addressing important issues in their lives.

Please join us for a
15th Anniversary
Celebration Open House

Saturday, December 21
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
at Valarie Burgess' home
29 Harrington Road
Moraga

Past high school
participants have been
invited *and so are you.*

The Sister-to-Sister Summit '13
High School Facilitators



Elizabeth: “I have learned that I can be a really powerful leader in a group of my peers and that I do have the power to impact a program that is larger than myself. I didn’t realize before that little tasks that I helped out with could really impact the whole community.”

Ariel: “S2S provides a safe place for girls to have their ideas and concerns heard.” She adds, “The information that has been most helpful to me is the facilitating tips we were taught and being able to practice is. Outside of S2S there are infinite opportunities to utilize the facilitation skills we learned.”

Claire C.: “I think what was most helpful to me was watching the movie on how the media creates false ideas of what a woman should look like.” And, “I have become more accepting of who I am and who others are through working with S2S.” And, “It was helpful to realize that I am young and so are the people I deal with in life, not everyone will be mature or nice, but you have to learn to ignore what hurts and look at the positive.”

Claire H.: “I have learned how to help people when they come to me with their problems. For girls at this point in their life a lot changes and sometimes it is very difficult to go through the changes.”

Emma: “Last year, after one of the group sessions about cliques, one of the middle school girls came up

to me after the discussion and gave me a hug. She told me that I was the first person that she felt really cared about her problems and that she would use the advice I gave her to be more true to herself. She then told me that she hoped to

be a S2S in two years so she could help girls like I helped her!”

Haley: “It helped my communication with my parents and peers and I am so grateful for that.”

Lauren: “I am a counselor at a local summer camp every year and I have to deal with young girls who either don’t like or understand one another. S2S has given me useful skills to sort out such issues in a positive way. Also, I am more confident when tackling problems in my own life, as I feel prepared to create solutions that are constructive and practical.”

Maddie: “Sister-to-Sister has helped me become more confident and willing to reach out to others in need. Some of the insights that were useful to me were how to deal with the social pressures in today’s society. Junior high especially is a time of change and learning how to deal with others.”

Molly: “Last year’s summit was an awesome experience! To see the girls change throughout the day and slowly come out of their shells gave me a great feeling. I knew that day had been fun while still being beneficial emotionally.”

Morgan: “I found the insights on body image useful. Before S2S I rarely realized how often girls “put down” themselves and their bodies. After, S2S I have been able to recognize negative body thoughts in both myself and my peers and have helped to change the thoughts of others.”

Olivia: “I wasn’t sure if we were going to be able to connect with all the middle school girls but last year a ton of friendships and connections were made with the girls and they were all really open and shared a lot to us too so we were able to help them even more. I realized that middle school girls go through a lot more drama than I remember and that they just need a little guidance and confidence to help them through.”

Article by Lynda Leonard
Photo by K. deGroot

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING CAPTURED ON CAMERA



Keynote speaker and OML member, Alison MacKenzie with (l to r) Karen Mankowski, Maryellen Judson and Program VP, Nancy Brewer

Alison, Gail Chesler and Mary Leigh Miller problem-solve a slight computer glitch before the program begins



All you wanted to know about the new Affordable Care Act but were afraid to ask... On November 19 **Alison MacKenzie** delivered a well organized and received PowerPoint presentation that helped many in the audience understand the basics of this complex new healthcare law. After a brief explanation of the current healthcare coverage Alison launched into the ins and outs of the new system – who’s eligible, who isn’t and the types and levels of coverage that will now be available and, in many cases, required. Although most OML members have reached the golden age of Medicare and thus are exempt from having to make any choices at all, they realize that their children and grandchildren are not. It is Alison’s goal that the information she provided will help many in the audience assist in guiding younger members in their family toward informed choices.



The Program committee thanks Alison for her comprehensive delivery of an important subject that ultimately affects all of us.

Brand new member, Staci Gerson chats with Laura Wittenberg

Photos by K. deGroot

Questioning Our Culture
Is it ever okay to make a joke out of a sexual assault incident?

When did it become acceptable to consider rape a laughing matter? In today’s culture, you can hear rape jokes on major network TV shows like *Two and a Half Men* and *Family Guy*.

Meanwhile, sexual assault is in the news from Richmond, CA, to Steubenville, Ohio.

Are men disrespecting and demeaning women due to misogynistic music, movies, music videos and video games?

One in four college-aged women are victims of rape or attempted rape and the majority of these assaults on college campuses happen to young women during their first four semesters at college. The women, new to campus, are inexperienced with college culture and the perpetrators know this.

In *SEXUAL ASSAULT, Naming the Unnamed Conspirator*, **Anne Munch J.D.**, examines how societal attitudes influence cases of sexual assault. There will also be a panel of experts dealing with sexual assault on hand for a discussion after the film.

This program is open to the general public and is guaranteed to give you new insight concerning this very serious topic, as well as actions you can take to change cultural attitudes.

Diane Bell-Rettger
VP, Legal Advocacy Fund



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES, continued from front page

Holiday Giving



Join us for OML's Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive

What: Donations of food & toys will be distributed at the Monument Crisis Center.

When: Bring your donations to the Holiday Neighborhood Coffees on December 13 and December 17.

Suggested Food Items:

Cans: Cranberry sauce, vegetables, kidney beans, black beans, diced tomatoes, tuna fish, soups & fruit.

Packaged foods: stuffing mix, corn meal, pasta/macaroni, raisins, brownie mix.

Plastic bottles: oil, peanut butter. No glass containers.

Suggested Toys:

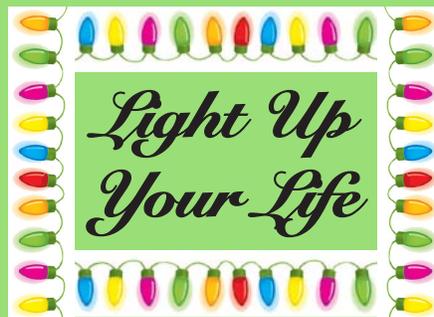
Stuffed animals, dolls, cars & trucks, books, crayons. Socks & underwear for infants & children. Jewelry, clothes for older children.

Items should be new & unwrapped.

The Crisis Center is also in dire need of disposable diapers.

Thanks to all OML members for your generosity this year & in past years –

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



HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Museum Mavens will be touring three or four areas of Danville, mostly on the east side of the 680 freeway.

A dinner reservation has been made for 7:30 pm at THE BRASS DOOR in Danville, known by the locals for delicious food and service.

- Meet at 5 pm at OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette.

- Park in the lower (2nd) parking lot at the furthest (south) end to form carpools.

- We plan to depart no later than 5:10 pm.

- Let Pat know if you would like to drive and how many your car can take.



RSVP by Dec. 09
to:
PAT LOPKER
925-376-5155
califpal@aol.com

In the Directory ad for *Herbs & Spices Catering* (found on the inside front cover), the cell # listed is incorrect. It should be: 415 816-3334

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ALAMEDA

Herbs & Spices Catering

LAFAYETTE

AMARIN Thai Cuisine
Asian Accents ~ Original Jewelry
Design by K. deGroot*

The Bloom Space
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Maxine Christison*

← Correction Notice

IN MEMORIAM



Ruth Elizabeth Bertha Bubeck Voll departed this life on Sunday, November 10, 2013, surrounded by her loving family. She was less than a year shy of her 100th birthday.

Ruth was the youngest of eight children growing up in a small, rural community in Wisconsin. She joined AAUW in 1936 and joined the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch eleven years ago when she moved to Lafayette

to live with her daughter **Chris Chernin** (also a OML member), son-in-law Phil and grandson Matthew.

OML remembers her as an enthusiastic albeit elderly woman (when she joined our branch she was well into her 80's) who loved people, had wonderful stories to share and was more than willing to carry on her commitment to AAUW from the branch she left behind in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ruth was a strong advocate for education and AAUW's mission. She brought out the best in everyone.

Many of our members attended a funeral service held on November 17 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church and reception following at the family home. We came away with special memories shared by the family. Throughout her life Ruth, to quote her son-in-law, was the most unconditionally loving and caring person he had ever known. Even though she held to high standards, everyone loved being around her, and she brought out the best in all.

During the 11 years that Ruth Voll was a member of our branch, she was co-VP of Educational Foundation, Corresponding Secretary and was named an Education Named Gift Honoree, an honor she shared with **Mary Helene Tietz**. We shall all miss her passion and her smile.

Chris, Phil and Matthew Chernin have suggested that memorial gifts be made to AAUW-OML or to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Ruth's name, Lafayette, Ca. A donation to the AAUW Funds will also be made by our branch in her honor.

TECH TREK NEWS

PLAN AHEAD TO SHRED!

1st Annual AAUW-OML Tech Trek Shred-Fest

**March 29, 2014
9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM
at AAAAA Rent-A-Space
455 Moraga Road
Moraga**



All proceeds fund AAUW-OML Tech Trek Scholarships for Lamorinda girls.

State-of-the-Art Pulverized Shredding will be done at 5A Rent-A-Space in the Shred•Defense truck starting at just \$5 per file box. Save your boxes of papers to be shredded for March!

Help support Tech Trek by telling your friends, neighbors, organizations, and business contacts about the Tech Trek Shred-Fest. Financial advisors, attorneys, medical offices and other businesses can meet their legal obligation to dispose of clients' information responsibly, while helping send Lamorinda middle school girls to AAUW's Tech Trek Science & Math Camp.

Shredding details: Government Specified Approved Shred, HIPAA Compliant Shredding, TWIC Certified Drivers (Federally Credentialed). Certificates of Destruction and Donation Receipts will be provided.

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

FUTURE SPECIAL INTEREST EVENTS

MUSEUM MAVENS TRIP DAVID HOCKNEY THE BIGGER EXHIBITION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014
Carpool from McCaulou's at 8:30 am



Hockney is a prolific English painter, draughtsman, printmaker, stage designer. His show at the DeYoung Museum has received great praise. It is expansive in

scope, monumental in scale and uses traditional media along with evolving technologies.

Anyone interested contact **Maryellen Judson** <thjudson@aol.com>

EVENTS from OTHER BRANCHES

AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut
Creek Branch

Holiday Home Tour

*Five Festive Alamo Homes
Welcome You*

Friday and Saturday
December 13th and 14th, 2013
10 am – 4 pm

Adults \$30, Seniors 65+ \$25
Prices go up \$5 after December 6

*Light Refreshments & Holiday
Quilt Drawing*

FURTHER INFORMATION & HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Email aauwhht@gmail.com or visit our website. Proceeds benefit local women scholars and Tech Trek Science Camps for middle-school girls.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOCUS GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The name is shared by a national civic-education program, briefing book, teacher's guide and PBS television series produced by the Foreign Policy Association.

The Great Decisions program highlights eight critical foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. In Great Decisions Discussion Groups across the country, participants discuss and debate each issue and complete a national opinion ballot to communicate their views to Congress and the White House. Supported by the Foreign Policy Association for over 50 years, this program involves citizens in the foreign policy making process.

Books have been purchased and the discussion group begins on February 5, 2014. We will be meeting in the conference room at the Hacienda de la Flores in Moraga. You will be notified when the books are ready to be picked up. The group is currently up to 15 members but we may be able to take one more member if someone is interested. The cost of the 9-week program is \$35. This cost includes purchase of the book and contribution towards the rental of the room.

Some of the topics being covered this year are:



ISLAMIC AWAKENING

The aftermath of the Arab Spring has resulted in unforeseen changes in the political landscape in many countries, especially regarding the role of Islam and democracy. How have the countries in the Maghreb reacted, including Tunisia, where the Arab Spring began? Is U.S. foreign policy adapting successfully to all of the changes in the region?



FOOD AND CLIMATE

Even as a sixth of the world's population suffers from chronic hunger, a changing climate threatens to wreak havoc on already insecure and vulnerable populations. As food and water become scarce and once fertile land becomes barren, the U.S. finds itself faced with new challenges in securing the globe. The U.S. is getting ready, but can it lead the way to climate reform?



CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY

China has gone to great lengths to emphasize the "peaceful" nature of its meteoric rise. Yet few dispute that China is the dominant regional power in Asia – and in recent years Beijing began to flex its muscles regionally in order to advance its strategic interests. What does the rapid rise of this new superpower mean for other countries in the region, and are there potential points of conflict with the U.S. as it "pivots" to Asia?

Judy Helder, Great Decisions Coordinator

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

1 SUN – CRITICS CHOICE/BESTSELLERS BOOK GROUP

Please rotate your book.

2,5,9,12,16,19,23,26,30 MON & THURS – TENNIS

8:15-10 am Contact Tory Courtney 376-1295

3 TUES – #1 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

5 THU – #2 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon – Virginia Semrau 283-8056

9, 23 MON – GOLF

Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

10 TUES – #3 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

10 TUES – BOARD MEETING

12 noon 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette

Meeting followed by Potluck Lunch

11 WED – MUSEUM MAVENS'

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR 5 pm

12 THURS – #4 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon – Jessie Dolman 254-5019

13 FRI – HOLIDAY PARTY

3-5 pm at the home of Kelly Claussen

13 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

(1st Group - second Friday, this month only)

17 TUES – HOLIDAY PARTY

10 am-noon at the home of Trudy Barron

18 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS

1-3 pm Home of Cayo Marschner

RSVP – Carol Messinger

20 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

The Light Between the Oceans, by M.L. Stedman

10 am Contact Susan Wilson 376-0606

20 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Groups 2 & 3

21 SUN – SISTER-TO-SISTER OPEN HOUSE

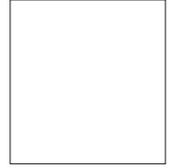
10 am-4 pm Home of Valarie Burgess

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24 TUES – NOVEMBER TRIAD DEADLINE

Send items to mlmiller602@gmail.com

24 TUES – #5 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon – Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

30 MON – BIKE GROUP

Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

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(look for more listings in the January issue)

14 TUES – BOARD MEETING

1 pm 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette

26 SUN – IBC MEETING

2-4 pm Lafayette Library

Program: Sexual Assault Film & Discussion

NOTE: The IBC Meeting on January 26 will take the place of the OML January General Meeting

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATORS:

If your group decides to meet on a different day or time than normal, please contact our Calendar Coordinator, JEANNE MELAUGH, so she can update the website calendar.