

## APRIL ANNUAL AWARDS MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 17

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**MARY FETTIG, Musician & Teacher**  
***MUSIC: Math in Action!***



**SOCIAL TIME: 3 pm**  
**PROGRAM: 3:15 – 5 pm**

Join us as we celebrate and honor young women in our community.

Can studying and playing music contribute to learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math? Can it enhance one's ability to excel in academics?

On April 17, at 3:00 pm we honor middle school girls who will be spending a week at Tech Trek Camp and award scholarships to high school girls and one college woman headed for graduate school. **How does music fit into this?** Please turn to page 3 to read about keynote speaker, *Mary Fettig* and how music has enriched her life.

### Tech Trek Winners on Technology's Leading Edge

Six Lamorinda middle school girls, winners of full scholarships to this year's Tech Trek camp at Stanford, will tell us about their passions for math and science and their enthusiasm for future STEM careers. Their aspirations include engineering a solution for worldwide solar energy, inventing a holographic phone, designing green buildings, creating machines to help fix or replace parts of the body as a surgeon, and designing robots to clean up the trash in the ocean. In March, the Tech Trek committee interviewed 37 incredible girls who love science and math.

### Scholarship Winners Lead with Dedication and Courage

Four women graduates from our three high schools and St. Mary's college, winners of this year's OML Branch Scholarships, will speak on the importance of community service and how this commitment has influenced their future choices in education and careers.

*Plan to attend this special program on Sunday, April 17  
at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center*

## CELEBRATION!!

**MAY LUNCHEON**  
**MAY 17, 2016**  
11:15 am to 2:00 pm  
Moraga Country Club

- Honoring the Burckhalter Volunteers
- Installing the Elected Board for 2016-17
- Announcing the 2016 AAUW Funds Named Gift Honoree
- **Enjoying a wonderful lunch with your AAUW friends**

**\$33/person**

**Deadline May 3**

Click on this link to download your reservation form:

<http://oml-ca.aauw.net/files/2014/03/MayLuncheon163.pdf>

**Your check is your reservation**

OML Honors  
the BURCKHALTER  
VOLUNTEERS

***Distinguished  
Women of 2016***

*Turn to page 6 to learn more about the history of volunteering at this Oakland elementary school*



**WORDS from GAIL ...**

Seems to me that the one attribute we in the branch have in common is curiosity. We're out of school for the most part, but we still thrive on learning new things. I suspect that Laura Wittenberg and I will learn some new methods on behalf of branch leadership when we attend the AAUW California Convention in mid-April.

The past couple of months found many of us working hard at helping others satisfy their curiosity. The Tech Trek girl campers for Stanford in July have been selected, the Scholarship awardees have been selected. The Expanding Your Horizons STEM event last week was an resounding success. The Interbranch Council Showing of "The Hunting Ground" was well-attended at DVC at mid-March. Many of the attendees will be off to college in the fall. This is the best audience for this film. We look forward to our Awards meeting on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, where we will be richly entertained in addition to being proud to support some of the youngsters in our community.

My own curiosity was both piqued and satisfied at our CUBA-focused March meeting. I could have listened and asked questions for a lot longer.

Other up-coming events include Shred-fest in May and the May Luncheon at the Moraga Country Club. Read all about these in this issue of the Triad. There is so much that's pleasurable and important to many.

**All the best to you.  
Sincerely, Gail Chesler**

**STATE CONVENTION APRIL 15 – 17**

Laura and Gail will be looking for great ideas to bring home from the State Convention at San Mateo April 15<sup>th</sup> through-early morning 17<sup>th</sup>. There are plenary sessions and a few special meetings.

Saturday offers excellent workshops. As president-elect, Laura picked the Leadership Track. Her first workshop will focus on what a branch needs to change and how we can take chances by doing something different. The second will provide tools for leading a group through a planning session. The third with Volunteers as focus may provide new ideas on recruiting new board members.

Both L & G will be looking at using technology at the branch in session four. Gail's earlier sessions are linked by money – can't wait. Gail will also be researching methods used by other branches to fund-raise for local priorities. We'll share what we learn with you.

**WE ARE MOVING!**

**Starting in September 2016  
Monthly OML meetings will be held at the  
Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall  
10 Irwin Way, Orinda**

**Until then, our monthly meetings will continue to be held at the  
Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center  
1700 School St., Moraga**

**BOARD MEETING  
HIGHLIGHTS****March 7 Board Meeting**

The group was pleased with the plans for the coming General Meetings. Arrangements to discuss the country of Cuba will create an outstanding informative meeting. Experts who understand Cuba will gather to share their knowledge. Laura Wittenberg and Mary Leigh Miller have recently visited Cuba with an AAUW tour and will direct our program..

We have an outstanding slate of officers for next year and congratulations to the Nominating Committee.

Our priority groups are very busy. The Tech Trek committee is interviewing 38 scientists from the 3 middle school. These young science, math and technology students are examples of our future top scholars. These young girls will present their stories. Scholarship committee is interviewing the applicants from Miramonte, Campolindo and Acalanes. These young women are outstanding examples of active and service-minded girls in our community. The winner from St. Mary's College will also join us. These winning girls will be introduced at our Sunday afternoon April 17 awards affair. A wonderful jazz musician and mathematician Mary Fetting will be our keynote speaker.

It will be great to welcome all our long time volunteers from Burckhalter School at our tribute to Burckhalter Volunteers at the May Luncheon. Many women have worked a couple of years, and some have volunteered 23 years – Carol Messenger and K De Groot. Be sure to come celebrate their hundreds of hours of community service.

**Maryellen Judson  
Recording Secretary**

**FOCUS ON ... AWARDS PROGRAM  
~ KEYNOTE SPEAKER, MARY FETTIG ~**



Our dynamic speaker, **Mary Fettig**, will talk about her experiences and benefits to her life from studying and playing music. Here's a clue. She minored in math at UCLA, majored in music, and has a Masters Degree in Flute from Cal State at Hayward. Mary also plays saxophone and clarinet. Her accomplishments include touring with such jazz greats as Stan Kenton, Marian McPartland, Tito Puente, Flora Purim and Airto, playing jazz festivals including Concord, Monterey,

Playboy, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Montreaux and North Sea. Her popular music performances include concerts with Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett, Kevin Spacey, Aretha Franklin, Natalie Cole, the Temptations, Four Tops, Gladys Knight and many more. She has many studio credits in film, television, video games and radio and regularly performs with the San Francisco Symphony. Now retired from the faculty at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, she teaches local youth.

There is a definite parallel in her life with women in the STEM fields. She often has been the only woman in the music ensemble with which she played, facing comments like "Now we're in trouble!" Developing a positive, can-do attitude has helped her forge ahead in a field she describes as a man's world.

From her observations with students, she sees a connection between students good in math and those who have studied and performed music. Her experience has confirmed that students applying to universities and medical schools fare better when they have had music experience such as playing an instrument. It shows they have discipline. For Mary, playing music is a source of pleasure. She has recorded several jazz CDs. Come and hear her latest one entitled "Brazilian Footprints."

**ELECTED SLATE of  
ELECTED OFFICERS  
FOR 2015-2016**

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Maryellen Judson

**Finance VP**

Gail Chesler

These officers were voted in at the March General meeting. They will be installed at the May Luncheon on May 17.



**CUBA: The Power of Community in an Isolated and Underserved Nation**

*Wow! What a great turnout for our program on Cuba! We would like to once again thank our panelists: Dr. Pierre LeRamee, from MEDICC, Eric Holt- Gimenez, Food First, and Joseph Mutti, International Radio Journalist. Their individual responses to questions from the floor certainly provided us with some new perspectives on what has been happening in Cuba in recent years, and how the changes in US-Cuban policy might affect some of those programs. Their personal experiences through their work in Cuba provided us with new insights into a complex topic.*

Many of you have sent us emails expressing your appreciation to us for putting this program together. We, in turn, thank you for attending and for your great questions that resulted in an excellent panel discussion.



**The Oakland-Piedmont Branch of AAUW is sponsoring a trip to Cuba from August 28 through September 12, 2016. Contact Lenore Gallin for more info:**

- [Lgallin@dvc.edu](mailto:Lgallin@dvc.edu)
- 510-504-4614

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS: MUSEUM MAVENS**

Join the Museum Mavens as we carpool to the **Anderson Collection Museum** at Stanford on Friday, April 15th in time for a one-hour docent tour beginning at 11:30 am. We plan to leave the Lamorinda Area at approximately 9:30 am to arrive when the museum opens at 11:00 am.



The Anderson Collection is one of the largest and most outstanding private collections of 20th century American art in the world. The collection has been built over the last 40 years by Harry W. and Mary Margaret Anderson with an eye for pieces that show “the head and the hands,” i.e., ingenuity as well as masterful craftsmanship in the art. It is an historical collection in that it groups artworks representing a variety of time periods and media. The collection is anchored in the work of Abstract Expressionists like Jackson Pollock and extends to contemporary painters such as Terry Winters. Major post-war movements represented in the Anderson Collection include Color Field Painting, Post-Minimalism, California Funk Art, Bay Area Figurative Art, contemporary abstract painting and a survey of American and European sculpture from Auguste Rodin to Martin Puryear. There is no charge for admission or the tour.

We will purchase lunch at the nearby Cool Cafe and dine in the Rodin Sculpture Garden after the tour, hoping to leave Stanford by 1:45 pm to avoid rush hour traffic.

For further information and to sign up to join the trip contact **Elaine Gallaher** at [egal@pacbell.net](mailto:egal@pacbell.net) or 925-254-3618.

**UPCOMING OML EVENTS****LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMING IN MAY**

Please mark your calendars and notify all incoming 2016-17 branch officers that the Interbranch Council will be sharing a day of leadership training so that officers get all the info they need to do their specific job as well as to know the role of the board as a whole. Others are also welcome.

**Saturday, May 21**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Cal State East Bay, Concord Campus  
4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Concord**

**IN-OUT BOARD MEETING**

**When: Tuesday, June 14**

**Time: 12 noon, meeting to follow**

**Where: Laura Wittenberg's  
7 Mariposa Lane, Orinda, CA**

- **Outgoing board members bring salads and year end reports**
- **Incoming board members bring deserts**

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## GIRLS EXPAND THEIR HORIZONS at SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE STEM CONFERENCE



**Hands-On Computers 2:** Girls took apart and reassembled real computers.

One hundred twenty-five middle school girls, 40 parents, and a host of AAUW-OML and Rotary volunteers, former Tech-Trekkers, and Saint Mary's College students spent Saturday, March 19 learning about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at Saint Mary's College.

After an inspiring keynote address by Pixar's Director of Photography and Lighting **Danielle Feinberg**, students participated in twelve workshops on FBI crime scene technology, bridge building, hands-on computers, vacuums, computer coding, and iPad videos. In the closing session, **M J Margraff** talked about her career in aviation, space exploration and robotics.



**FBI Crime Scene 8:** Two participants got to wear HAZMAT suits to investigate a crime scene with FBI agents.

**At the end of the day, students commented on the day in their evaluations:**

- "I liked seeing how passionate the speakers and professors were about their jobs."
- "The FBI workshop was amazing and so was the Pixar speaker"
- "I loved coding Star Wars!"
- "I loved the speakers. They really showed how important it is to stick with what you love."
- "Meeting amazing women who have great careers that include math and science"
- "I loved learning and meeting new people. I also like the pen and the brownie."
- "The hands-on computers because it was just so hands-on and I actually got to take the computer apart."

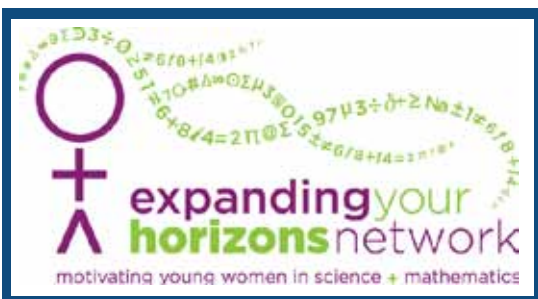
OML member and conference organizer **Stacia Cragholm** said she felt badly that the OML branch could only send six students to the Stanford Tech Trek program each summer. Stacia and OML member **Heidi Mayer**, in conjunction with Saint Mary's Math and Computer Science professor, Kristen Beck and Roy Wensley, Dean of Saint Mary's School of Science, undertook the task of organizing the Expanding Your Horizons conference. EYH is a national organization whose goal is to promote STEM by holding conferences for middle school girls at local colleges. There are over 100 conferences held nation-wide.



**Building Bridges:** Girls tested their engineering knowledge by seeing how much weight their suspension bridges could support.

**Tech Trek Girls with Signs.** Former Tech Trek participants led the girls to their workshops.

**Article and photos by Marty Shimbor**



## OML HONORS THE BURCKHALTER VOLUNTEERS

OML Branch will be recognizing the many volunteers to Burckhalter School at our annual "Distinguished Woman" luncheon on Tuesday May 17th. This year it will be Distinguished "Women" as our branch has provided 40+ volunteers over 23 years to Burckhalter Elementary School in Oakland. Please plan to attend the luncheon at the Moraga Country Club. The cost is \$33 and reservations can be sent to Janet Mendenhall at 2424 Tice Creek Drive #3, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. An online reservation form is available (refer to front page).

In 1993, **Carol Messinger** (photo above) presented the idea of providing tutors to this underserved school in East Oakland to the OML Board. **K. deGroot** and **Bobbie Dodson** were among the first group to volunteer. Soon **Marilyn Budge** (photo at right) and **Flo Dickson** took on the enormous task of reviving the school's library. OML volunteers who have volunteered for more than 15 years include **Jan Coe**, **Carrol Fox-all**, **Jean Somerset** (photos below) and former OML member, **Connie Mueser**. Carol, K., & Marilyn have served for over 20 years. All our volunteers commit five or more hours to the school each week, not including travel and prep time.



**Our branch volunteers have provided over 27,000 tutoring hours**, making a significant impact in the lives of the children, and the school as a whole. Some



have tutored a child for several years, with some students crediting their tutor for helping them succeed. More on their stories in the next Triad. There are currently 10 tutors from OML volunteering at the school.

Connie Meuser led the drive to computerize the library in 2006. Without OML staffing it, the school would not have a functioning library. We provided another 27,000+ volunteer hours in the library as well, with 12 volunteers this year



We also have our first volunteer in the computer lab – a technology expert! I don't need to tell our members how smart, educated, experienced and interesting are the volunteers we provide. They include teachers, librarians, engineers, lawyers and many other disciplines. Many have spouses and friends that have volunteered as well.



These distinguished volunteers make a deep and lasting impact on the lives of the children of Burckhalter School. Look for their stories in the May Triad.

**Denise Burian, Chair,  
2016 Distinguished Women Committee**

## MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

### Door Prize Awarded

This month we were very pleased to award the door prize for bringing a guest to a meeting. The prize was awarded at the March 15 meeting to member **Fran Rathjen** and her guest, **Margie Bezdek**. *Congratulations to both!* Member **Trudy Barron** also brought a guest, **Doris McMullen**. We hope to see both Margie and Doris at future meetings as members. In case you were curious, Fran and Margie both won a \$25 Safeway gift card.

### Your 2015 Taxes & Tax Deductions

If you are still working on 2015 taxes remember that \$46 of your annual AAUW membership dues (\$89) is tax deductible. Other contributions made to AAUW can have tax advantages so be sure to include donations on your returns.

### May is Membership Renewal Month

Next month everyone will receive membership renewal forms. Be sure to return these quickly. Being a member of AAUW is important and valuable. Joining the organization helps to further the advancement of women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Your membership dollars support local programs such as Tech Trek, Sister-to-Sister and Burckhalter Elementary School Library volunteer efforts. And in addition you have the opportunity to network and make and meet friends old and new. What could be better? Do return those forms!

**Mary Levey,  
Membership Co-VP**



## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE



Lisa Maatz, the VP of Government Relations for AAUW, recently testified on behalf of AAUW before the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The hearing was called to hear public testimony on a new rule that seeks to tackle the persistent gender and racial pay gap through improved data collection. AAUW has long fought to end gender pay discrimination, from AAUW's first report on pay equity released in 191 to the work today to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. This proposed EEOC rule, which AAUW strongly supports, would collect summary pay data from employers to better understand compensation patterns. **Watch for an Action Network message** targeting the EEOC and urging them to quickly finalize this new rule!

With some attention focused on the NCAA basketball's "March Madness," AAUW worked up **brackets based on the pay gap between male and female graduates**. According to their brackets, Virginia Commonwealth would face off against Hampton in the men's championship game and Alabama State would face off against North Carolina A&T in the women's championship game. Very cleverly done and some good publicity was generated from it.

**President Obama has nominated Federal Appeals Judge Merrick Garland to the US Supreme Court** to fill the vacancy left on the Court after the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia. Obama is following the constitutional process for filling the vacancy, but many politicians are set on blocking hearings for a new Justice until after the Presidential election in November, leading to an unprecedented delay in filling a US Supreme Court vacancy. Watch for ways to appeal to senators to fairly and expeditiously consider Judge Garland's nomination.

**AAUW CA will have a Resolution being heard in the CA Assembly on Monday April 11 in the afternoon**, marking April 12, 2016 as Equal Pay Day. This vote needs a big audience of AAUW members!! Please plan to come, and demonstrate that AAUW is the largest organization advocating for **Pay Equity!!** One of the ways AAUW gains visibility and improves credibility with legislators is by making our presence known. *You can help with this.* I will be out of town, but if you are interested in this event, please contact me and I will put you in touch with Sue Miller, AAUW CA Public Policy Co-Chair.

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# Shred.

3rd ANNUAL  
 TECH TREK  
 SHRED-FEST:  
 MAY 21, 2016

Help OML publicize  
 Tech Trek's fundraising  
 Shred Event in May  
 through your own  
 Next Door connections.

Post this copy on your  
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AAUW Tech Trek  
 SHRED FUNDRAISER  
 Save the Date:  
 SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

Securely shred papers on site  
 at 5A Rent-A-Space,  
 455 Moraga Road, Moraga  
 9:00 am -1:00 pm  
 Rain or Shine!  
 Just \$7 per file box

AAUW volunteers will unload and return your empty boxes to your car. All proceeds will help fund Tech Trek SCHOLARSHIPS to send teacher-nominated Lamorinda 8th grade girls to AAUW's Tech Trek Science & Math Camp at Stanford University.

If you are active on your local *Next Door* network, please post this announcement to tell your neighbors about our shredding fundraiser event. Thank you for your help and support!



Lana  
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## APRIL at a GLANCE

1 FRI – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP  
Pass along your book

1 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS –  
LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY GARDEN TOUR  
*Read more on page 3*

2 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP  
Contact Ksenija Soster-Olmer for more info

4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 – MON & THURS – TENNIS  
8:15-10 am – Contact Tory Courtney, 376-1295

5 TUES – BRIDGE GROUP  
12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

11, 25 MON – GOLF  
Contact Jan Gee for t-time and venue, 938-1316

12 TUES – BOARD MEETING  
1 pm – New location for all board meetings: Atria,  
1545 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette

15 FRI – MUSEUM MAVENS TRIP to STANFORD  
9:30 am to carpool  
*Read more on page 4*

15 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK  
*Leaving Before the Rains Come*, by Alexandra Fuller  
10 am – Orinda Book Store, Contact Susan Wilson, 376-0606

15 FRI – LET’S GO TO THE MOVIES  
Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694

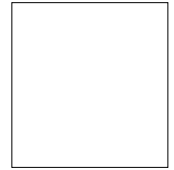
17 SUN – GENERAL MEETING  
3 pm – Holy Trinity Serbian Church  
**ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM**  
**with Guest Speaker, Mary Fettig**  
**MUSIC: MATH in ACTION**

20 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS  
Contact Carol Messinger 283-8741

24 SUN – MAY TRIAD DEADLINE  
Send articles to Mary Leigh Miller; [mlmiller602@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiller602@gmail.com)

25 MON – BIKE GROUP  
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## MAY 2016

Look for more listings in the May Triad

10 TUES – BOARD MEETING  
1 pm – Atria, 1545 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette

17 MAY – MAY LUNCHEON  
HONORING the BURCKHALTER VOLUNTEERS  
11:30 am-2 pm – Moraga Country Club  
1600 St Andrews Dr., Moraga

21 MAY – ANNUAL TECH TREK SHRED-FEST  
*Read more on page 7*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SPECIAL INTEREST COORDINATORS

*If your group decides to meet on a different day or time than normal or if you are no longer meeting, please contact our Calendar Coordinator, BONNIE GALLOGLY, so she can update the website calendar.*