



AAUW OML In/Out Board Meeting

**Tuesday, June 10th,
from noon until 2:30 PM**

**The Holy Trinity Serbian Church, 1700
School Street, Moraga, CA 94556**
**Outgoing or remaining Board members
please bring a salad for 8. Incoming
Board members please bring a dessert for
8 to share. Drinks and tableware will be
provided.**

**Outgoing members please also provide
an updated experience notebook/report
for the incoming officer who follows you.**

Cocktails & Conversations
Come join us on Thursday, June
19th, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

At El Charro on Mt. Diablo Blvd. on
the back patio. Bring a friend or two
to socialize. All are welcome!



Expense Reimburse- ment Reminder From Judy Hammon

Many thanks to those who have already submitted vouchers and receipts for out-of-pocket expenses. Your reimbursement checks are in the mail. Financial books will close at the end of June. This will be your final reminder to get those vouchers and receipts in to me at 39 California Ave, Orinda 94563. Thanks everyone.

PIPINGs from the PRESIDENT

Greetings, One & All!

This is the BIG Thank You issue from me to you! At the May Luncheon/Installation, Muriel Fry, the installation officer who hails from the Pleasant Hill/Martinez Branch challenged and encouraged us to thank each other for our service to the OML branch. She also told me that she reads the Triad faithfully, so...



I gave a short thank you to the 2013-14 Elected Board at the luncheon: President-elect, Gail Chesler, Program Director, Nancy Brewer, Membership Directors, Bonnie Gallogly and Anita Cox, AAUW Funds Directors, Jan Cushman and Diane Bell-Rettger, Secretary, Therese Tamaro, and Finance Director, Judy Hammon. What a wonderful group of women to work with! Thank you for your support, your willingness to see a project through to completion, your humor and your friendship. You were such a great team and we are recycling and reshuffling most of us for the coming year!

I also want to acknowledge another group of extraordinary TEAM players, the Appointed Officers for 2013-14: Parliamentarians, Marie Bonilla and Jan Coe, Tech Trek, Sandy Fox-Sohner, Sister-to-Sister, Valerie Burgess and Laura Wittenberg, Scholarship, Mary Ann McLeod and Sally Swanson, Community Projects/Burckhalter School, Carol Messinger and Ruth Balsdon, Website, Jeanne Melaugh, Triad Editor, Directory and Overview, Mary Leigh Miller, Publicity, Chris Laszcz-Davis, Advertising, Pat Lopker, and Historian and Photographer extraordinaire, K. de Groot, Distinguished Woman Committee, Database coordinator and Football Games fundraising coordinator, Marie Bonilla, May Luncheon, Jan Coe, and last but certainly not least, Hospitality, Alison Mackenzie and Arlene Gilbert. Any President would feel blessed as I do to have had and to continue to have these great ladies to work alongside. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Please mark your calendars for three events: 1) The In/Out Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 10th, from noon until about 2:30 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church on School Street in Moraga. All are welcome to attend Board Meetings. 2) Cocktails and Conversations, Thursday, June 19th, from 5-7PM at El Charro on Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette on the back outdoor patio. Bring a friend! 3) Interbranch Council Training, Sunday, June 29th, from 12:30-5PM at Chabot College. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thank you, All, for being a part of this worthwhile organization. Together we do great things!

Highlights of May13, 2014 Board Meeting

Finance VP Judy Hammon reported that budget and donations look good for the year. Final vouchers and receipts for out-of-pocket expenses need to be submitted to the Treasurer before June 30, 2014, which is the end of our fiscal year.

Membership VP Bonnie Gallogly, reported that there were 68 renewals by the meeting date. Everyone who renews before or at the May Luncheon will be entered in the drawing for a gift basket. Volunteers are needed to cover some membership jobs.

Nominating Committee Chair Sandy Fox-Sohner noted that all positions for the 2014 – 2015 board are filled except for Scholarship.

The board voted to participate in the Orinda July 4th festivities with a branch booth. Volunteers should contact Jan Cushman.

The board is looking for public policy volunteers to help with the October general meeting, which will be focused on November elections.

The next board meeting, the In/Out Meeting for retiring and incoming board members, will be held at the Serbian Church on June 10, 2014, from noon to 2:30. It will include a potluck lunch.

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FOCUS ON ... *The MAY LUNCHEON*

Empowering and Celebrating All Women

The May Luncheon is a celebration of OML's year and the May 20th gathering was titled "Empowering & Celebrating All Women"!

Sixty-two members and guests gathered in the lovely Fairway Lounge at Orinda Country Club to honor Sandra Fox-Sohner, the 2014 Distinguished Woman. Her husband, daughter, daughter-in-law, and close friends, as well as members of AAUW, were there to celebrate her. Thirteen previous Distinguished Women were also in attendance.

Muriel Fry, a member of the Pleasant Hill/Martinez Branch, installed OML's executive board for 2014-2015. Muriel reminded the audience that everyone needs to get involved and support our leaders. She asked each board member to highlight their key responsibilities and asked them to accept the responsibilities of the office.

Members were acknowledged for their contributions to AAUW Funds. A total of \$6,976 was donated in 2013. Because of OML's generosity, a Branch-Named Gift Honoree (BNGH) is recognized every year. This year the honor was bestowed upon Lana Reichick, acknowledging her many years of service to OML, her years of work on our fundraising efforts, her tenure as

the OML vice president of the Legal Advocacy Fund, and for her tremendous efforts in our local philanthropies, especially Tech Trek.

Elise Fox, Sandra Fox-Sohner's daughter, introduced our 2014 honoree. She shared stories about the impact that her mother had on her life and that of her children's. It is an understatement to say that Sandra has been a great role model.

Sandra's theme for her talk was "You can learn anything from a book"! She shared personal anecdotes about growing up and how she used books from a very early age to learn about things. She described learning to swim using the book "Learn How to Swim" and practicing on her bed! She read "Micro Viruses" in high school and wrote a letter to UCB asking if they could send her some viruses for a school science project. (And they did!!)

After putting herself through college, Sandy taught math and science in el-



2013 Distinguished Woman Marie Bonilla presents gifts to Sandy Fox-Sohner.

ementary and middle school. Then, while raising three children, she earned her MBA at UCB and started her own biotech market research company called High Tech Business Decisions. She commented that she especially enjoyed working with the PhD women in her company to help make a difference in the medical field. Her current project is doing research on and writing a screenplay about a female Russian mathematician.

Sandy has been deeply committed to equity for girls and women throughout her life. Nominating letters described her keen intellect, organization and thoughtful leadership skills, her grace and enthusiasm, and creativity. She has certainly distinguished herself in terms of leadership, creativity, initiative, and friendship in every endeavor in her community, profession, and AAUW! What a way to empower and celebrate all women.



Previous years' Distinguished Women who attended the luncheon.

Memoirs & Musings

Our Interest Group was formed six years ago and now has eight members who meet on the third Wednesday of the month to read and discuss their writings in a very supportive environment. Part of the fun is that we span three continents and three decades, and we learn so much from each others' stories. New members are welcome.

We hope you enjoy this sampling of our writings:

I can't imagine our childhood without Grandpa:

He was always happy to help us build box kites with newspapers and lots of rags tied together to make long tails, and then he would take us out to an open field where we could run with the wind and watch them take flight.

*We felt very special when he took us out of school so he could drive us up to Mt. Diablo to play in the snow and another time to take us to the opening ceremony for the dazzling, new S.F. /Oakland Bay Bridge.

*And it was Grandpa who encouraged my writing and bought second hand books for me to read.

-Carol Messinger

Even as a young bride, my grandmother had snow white hair. She was unusual for her day. From a farm in Vermont the newlyweds went to the Dakota Territory for five years of homesteading, before moving to Minneapolis. There she established a very successful dress designing business, eventually with 30 people under her, making dresses for the Pillsbury, Dayton and other famous ladies. She imported all her gorgeous fabrics and laces. I still have a few samples – intact and strong after more than 100 years.

-Marilyn Budge

The Three Kathleens Take Italy: Finally we did find a beautifully uniformed traffic cop at some huge roundabout and pulled over to get directions. “Bon giorno, signora, signoie. En che posso ayutarle?” (How may I help you?) My roommate answered in tourists’ Italian, “Dove e l’Albergo da Vinci?” (Where is the Hotel da Vinci?), showing him a hand drawn map done by the hotel. He looked at it, then in perfect English said, “OK, Lady, see that street over there? Go around and take it up to the third street. Turn left, and the hotel’s on the left side.” Then he waved us on. For a second, we just we stared at him, then we all cracked up.

-Kelly Claussen

When I was in school in South Africa, uniforms were required. Our undergarments were a riot, straight out of Victorian times. We had to wear a suspender belt to keep up our stockings. This was a uncomfortable and old fashioned contraption. These stockings, by the way, took a bit of keeping up as they were thick, brown knitted cotton. Bras were called Bust Bodices, and were plain white without any kind of lace adornment. I think the idea of comfort in underwear, or outerwear, for that matter, was of no concern to the powers-that-be, as after all, they didn’t have to wear them!

- Jennifer Cook



Midsummer Program Committee Meeting

AAUW/OML offers its members a variety of interesting programs to attend. This year we enjoyed learning about Immigration, the Affordable Care Act, Women in Television Journalism, Women in Middle Eastern Cultures, and a Fashion Show supporting local women-owned businesses and AAUW Funds.

Our branch also sponsored the Interbranch Council Program in January concerning Sexual Assault. Of course, the April Tech Trek/ Scholarship Awards and May Luncheon are annual highlights.

The Program Committee is looking for a few enthusiastic members with fresh, meaningful and interesting ideas. Join Diane Bell-Rettger and Ksenija Soster Olmer in planning an exciting program for sold out audiences!

The new program committee will meet for a brainstorming session on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at the home of Diane Bell-Rettger (27 Harrington Road in Moraga). The meeting will start at 1:30 pm and dessert will be served. Ksenija and Diane look forward to seeing you there!

Please let Diane know that you are coming at dianebell@rettger.com.


2013-14 Advertising Thank You, Kudos, and Requests

OML Branch and Ad Committee extend heartfelt thanks to all past and present advertisers. We hope the exposure with our membership has benefitted each of you. Advertising serves our membership with information and as an invaluable community connection.

Funds raised are used to supplement the work of AAUW OML programs. This support genuinely strengthens what we do to promote equity for women and girls and has a positive affect on their lives. We applaud and thank the team. Mary Leigh Miller – Editor of the OML Directory and the TRIAD Newsletter, Jeanne Melaugh – OML Webmaster, and Pat Lopker – Advertising Sales Coordinator for all that is done to plan and present the ad listings. Many hours are given to this. During the summer, the full Ad Team makes contacts for renewal and approaches new businesses. Ad Team members are Valarie Burgess, Jan Coe, Kay de Groot, Elaine Gallaher, Bonnie Gallogly, Maryellen Judson, and Lana Reichick. Those capturing one or more ads are invited (with member advertisers) to a spouse-included Campaign celebration party in the fall.

The OML advertising year ends soon and will begin fresh in September. Ads are sold annually. We invite you to bring us an ad (mid-June through August) to join this team.

You can help by making a recommendation of a business or two that you frequent and would like to promote, or know to be new to the area. Other members may not know of them. This info is key to our success. Please contact Pat Lopker, Advertising Coordinator



**Contra Costa County & Alameda
East Bay District Leadership
Training**

Sunday, June 29, 2014
12:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Chabot College Event Center, Bldg. 700
25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward (map on page 2)

12:30	Registration, light lunch, table topics
1:00	Welcome, <i>Proud To Be a Leader</i>
1:50	<i>Board Effectiveness</i>
2:35	Break
2:50	Breakout: <i>Fundraising or Public Policy</i>
3:40	<i>Membership Matters for All</i>
4:40	Wrap-up

Breaking away from the traditional "job alike" training, we hope that all members feel welcome to come to this meeting. There will be time within each presentation for small group discussions. We hope this is inviting to the elected officers, appointed officers, long time members, new members, and even those who have yet to take the plunge of accepting a board position.

Reservation Deadline: June 15, 2014
\$5.00 per person in advance \$10.00 at the door

➤ Mail with a check made out to "AAUW Concord"

Name: _____

Contact telephone: _____ email _____

Branch and position or special interest: _____

Table topics you would like to see discussed: _____

➤ Mail form and check to: Jean Simutus, 1560 West Street, Concord, CA 94521
 ➤ Questions: kjhein@comcast.net

Our Community - Our Young Women – Their Education

The AAUW OML Scholarship Committee presents an
Opportunity Drawing to Benefit Lamorinda's
Extraordinary Young Women

Coming this Fall!

Lunch in the Vineyard



Invite your friends or family for a
delectable 5 course lunch for 6 paired with unique wines
hosted by committee members
at Mary-Leigh Miller's Moraga Vineyard

Tickets: 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50

Event Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014 12-2 pm

Please detach and send with your payment.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ Amount enclosed _____

Make checks out to AAUW/OML Community Outreach Fund. Tickets are not tax deductible. You are entitled to a free ticket with equal opportunity of winning. Mail to Mary Ann McLeod, 100 Greenfield Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.

ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK - 2014-2015

For the summer meetings, please bring a sandwich & RSVP to the hostess

JUNE 20 - 10:30 am The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain Home of Robbie Senderov, 1232 Upper Happy Valley Rd., Laf. -464-3354

JULY 18 - 10:30 am - The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin; Home of Joan Armstrong, 2809 Velvet Way., Walnut Creek - 210-1085

AUGUST 15 - 10:30 am - The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri; Home of Mary Smith, 1096 Sanders Dr., Moraga - 376-5726

The fall meetings at Orinda book store:

SEPTEMBER 19 - 10 am; The Time In Between by Maria Duenas

OCTOBER 17 - 10 am; The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt & The Fire That Saved America by Timothy Egan

NOVEMBER 21 - 10 am; City Of Thieves by David Benioff

DECEMBER 19 - 10 am; Quiet, The Power Of Introverts In A World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain

JANUARY 16 - 10 am; The Heir Apparent by Jane Ridley

FEBRUARY 20 - 10 am; The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro

MARCH 20 - 10 am; The Gift of Rain by Twan Eng Tan

APRIL 17 - 10 am; Behind the Beautiful Forever: Live, Death and Hope in Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo

MAY 15 - 10:30 am - LUNCHEON AND BOOK SELECTION Location TBA

Co-chairs: Susan Wilson - 376-0606
Mary Hake-254-1435

NEWS from our ADVERTISERS**Gary's Handyman Service**

Do you have any small repair jobs around your house? Maybe you have things that need fixing, but you don't have time to do it, or maybe you don't have the right tools, or would rather play golf.

Gary Gallaher does minor home repairs, such as changing electrical fixtures, plumbing fixtures, locks and other hardware. He has always done most of his own home repairs and has owned this part-time business for over 10 years. He is not a licensed contractor, but does have full liability insurance.

Call Gary on 925-254-1778 or email handy-gary@PacBell.net.

The Bloom Space

On May 1, The Bloom Space vintage collective and DIY Workshop, moved from Lafayette to 444 Hartz Ave, Danville, CA 94526. The shop continues to offer unique antique, vintage and repurposed items from a range of talented vendors.

The Bloom Space is the only location in Contra Costa County that stocks Chalk Paint® decorative paint by Annie Sloan. In addition, the store offers Do-It-Yourself classes in painting & stenciling techniques as well as custom work on furniture, cabinets and walls.

Owner Kathleen Burnett looks forward to seeing all her Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga customers at her beautiful, new location. Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:30 am-5:30 pm; Thurs 10:30 am - 7:00 pm; Sun 12-4. (closed Mon) Call 925-357-7168 or 502-558-2486 for information on merchandise and class times and enrollment.

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ALAMEDA

Herbs & Spices Catering

LAFAYETTEAMARIN Thai Cuisine
Asian Accents ~ Original Jewelry

Design by K. deGroot*

The Bloom Space

Creative Alterations,

Josef Jamkochain

Della Faulkner, Chiropractor

DIABLO FOODS

Glamorous Boutique

Open Sesame Specialty Foods

Persons Plastic & Reconstructive

Surgery, Barbara Persons, MD

Ware Designs - Fine Jewelry

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GOODWILL Industries, East Bay

King Florist & Gifts

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Diane Bell-Rettger*

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Soraya Golesorkhi*, Realtor

Caldwell Banker

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Morrison's Jewelers

Redwood Cottage

Sea Ranch Vacation Rental,

Elaine Gallaher*

Piccolo Napoli

WALNUT CREEK

Maxine Christison Interior Designs,

Maxine Christison*

JUNE & JULY 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 THURS – #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 – BOARD MEETING
Noon. See page 1 for more information

10 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP

18 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS
RSVP Carol Messinger for details, 283-8741

19 THURS – #4 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Jessie Doleman 826-5116

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20 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES
Groups 1, 2 & 3

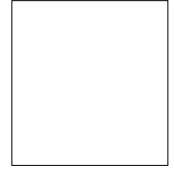
24 TUES – #5 BRIDGE GROUP
12 noon – Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

25 WED – WISE WOMEN
1 pm – Contact Carrol Foxall

29 SUN – AAUW IBC LEADERSHIP TRAINING for
Contra Costa and Alameda Counties
11:30-5:30 at Chabot College,
25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

AAUW-OML
Database Coord.
3537 Springhill Rd
Lafayette, CA 94549



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CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR THE REST OF JULY.

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.