



IN~OUT BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
12 noon ~ 3 pm

Potluck Lunch with Meeting to Follow
Laura Wittenberg's Home
7 Mariposa Lane, Orinda, CA

- Outgoing Board Members – bring salads and year-end reports
- Incoming Board Members – bring desserts

WE ARE MOVING!

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

**FYI: There are no OML
General Meetings held in
June, July or August**

**HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR
MEMBERSHIP DUES?
IF NOT, DO IT NOW!**

2016-17 AAUW OML Elected Officers Installed at the May Luncheon



(from left to right) President, Laura Wittenberg; Program VPs Pat Beckner & Judy Helder; Membership VPs, Alison Mackenzie & Mary Levey; Finance VP, Gail Chesler; AAUW Funds VP, Marie Bonilla (missing from the photo: Peggy Cabaniss); Corresp/Recording Secretary, Maryellen Judson

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By now you all should have received your Membership Renewal mailing with a welcome letter from President-Elect Laura Wittenberg, a newly-revised and improved membership renewal form/profile sheet and—new this year—an enclosed self-addressed envelope for easy return.

The revised form and enclosed envelope make it easy-as-pie to renew your membership (and make a donation, too). If you haven't received this mailing, get in touch with either Alison Mackenzie (alimac2020@gmail.com) or Mary Levey (mele829@aol.com). Or, if you prefer to renew electronically by credit card, you can use the National Membership Plan (MPP). The easiest way to do this is to get in touch with Gail Chesler (gailchesler@gmail.com, 925-286-2548)

Either way, JUST DO IT! Remember, too, if you have not renewed and paid your dues by October 1, 2016, your name will not appear in the branch directory.

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PARTING WORDS from GAIL ...

June 30 is the conclusion of our fiscal year, and the point at which our leadership roles change. Thank you for the good times and good work that we have accomplished this year. It's been a great year, and I'm grateful to have had a role. I will enjoy wearing the Past President's pin.

I encourage you to continue to explore the many ways in which your own pleasurable and fulfilling role can be realized within AAUW. If you have an idea for a new interest group or activity, contact a Board member for ways to get that interest group or activity going. If you're interested in State committees, those are also an option for the future.



All the best to you.
Sincerely,
Gail Chesler

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SUPPORT the SCHOLARSHIP TEAM! BUY and SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

"Support our Branch Scholarships for graduating seniors from Acalanes, Campolindo, Miramonte High Schools and St. Mary's College by purchasing tickets for the **LUNCH IN THE VINEYARD** raffle. Encourage your friends to join in the opportunity to win a lunch for 6 and wine tasting."

LUNCH in the VINEYARD *A Fundraiser Benefiting Our Local Women Graduates*

Write checks to: AAUW-OML Community Outreach Fund
and return with the filled-out stubs to:

**Maryellen Judson,
825 Reliez Station Rd,
Lafayette, 94549**



For more information or to obtain additional tickets to sell to all your friends, contact Maryellen at 925 283-2387

A new banner for this year. We turned 60!!

Our branch recently received a certificate and congratulatory words from the National AAUW organization to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our existence. It's an amazing feeling to be part of a local organization with that many years of history. Look for an article in the September Triad with some of the highlights of those years.

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS *continued from front page*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Speaking of membership, did you know that we have two new 50-year AAUW members this year? Congratulations to **Janet Mendenhall** and **Margaret Peters**. We are delighted to add their names to our list of other 50-year members: **Joan Armstrong, Martha Billman, Barbara Boyle, Roberta (Bobbie) Dodson-Nielson, June Howe, Elizebeth Kingsley, Marilyn Lonbaken, Carolyn Stokes and Nellina (Nellie) Strong**. Obviously a wonderful organization to have so many who have been members for so long!

THE PERFECT GRADUATION GIFT—A FREE AAUW MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again when there are over four million young people graduating from colleges and universities. You probably know some yourself. And isn't it great to know that there is the perfect gift to give a graduating student (female or male)—a free AAUW national membership! As an AAUW member you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like. These graduates can be family, friends, neighbors, former students, friends of friends—anyone who has graduated within the last two years from a college or university. In California the gift includes free state dues as well as national, if the recipients are California residents. Whatever you decide, collect the name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail, and alma mater for each of these future AAUW members and fill out the form. You can either download the form available on the national AAUW website GIVE A GRAD A GIFT section (aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift), or you can get in touch with us and we will mail the form to you. You can give a recent grad this gift with no cost to you or them. Expose a new graduate to the power that comes from joining a national women-led organization where the graduate can expand her career through trainings and grants programs, have access to resources advocating women and stay current on issues affecting women.

Mary Levey and Alison Mackenzie, Membership Co-VPs

FOCUS ON ... THE MAY LUNCHEON CELEBRATING THE BURCKHALTER VOLUNTEERS

The AAUW-OML May Luncheon was held on Tuesday, May 17, at the Moraga Country Club. After the elected officers for the upcoming year were installed (*photo on front page*) and the AAUW Funds Named Gift Honoree was announced (**Jan Cushman**), our branch departed from its customary celebration of honoring only one distinguished woman. The board along with last year's Distinguished Woman, **Pat Lopker**, had



decided it was high time for us to recognize our members along with others who have volunteered their time every week as tutors and in the library at Oakland's Burckhalter Elementary School. For the past 23 years, these volunteers (*group photo above*) have been making a profound difference in the lives of children who otherwise would not have had the additional help they needed in basic academic skills.



Ceramic succulent pots



Following Committee Chair Denise Burian's introduction of the Burckhalter Project volunteers, founder **Carol Messinger** and librarian **Pat Beckner** each gave interesting and entertaining accounts of their volunteer experiences at Burckhalter. Following their presentations, **Carin Geathers**, school principal, (*photo at left*)

offered her own thoughtful and humorous comments about the program. It was clear that the staff and children at Burckhalter love and are grateful for the volunteer tutors and librarians.

It is astonishing to realize that the seeds first planted by Carol Messinger and **Marilyn Budge** as Burckhalter's founding tutor and library assistant respectively would have had such amazing results. Since the volunteer project started, AAUW-OML

has provided 47+ volunteers who have contributed 57,000 hours in the weekly service of disadvantaged young students in Oakland, and the project is still going strong. In addition to Carol and Marilyn, five other volunteers have been active in the project for over 15 years: **K. de Groot** who has given the students rich international flavor from all of her travels; **Jan Coe** who tutors every week and has made gingerbread houses with the students; **Carrol Foxall** who has been a faithful weekly tutor; **Connie Mueser** who now runs the library program and former OML member Jean Somerset. Several OML members have even recruited their husbands to volunteer (George Helder, Ed Balsdon, and Ed Bonilla).



Carol Messinger (on right) with Pat Beckner, Marilyn Budge and Carin Geathers

As a branch priority, the Burckhalter Project has been successful and its volunteers have been outstanding. They truly deserve to be the 2016 AAUW-OML Distinguished Women. As a token remembrance of the honor, and under the direction of ceramic artist **Mary Leigh Miller**, the Distinguished Women committee made and presented small ceramic pots containing little succulent plants to each Burckhalter volunteer.



Outgoing President, Gail Chesler, is presented with the Past President's Pin.



As the incoming Executive Board was installed, they were warned of possible "disorders" associated with each of the positions.

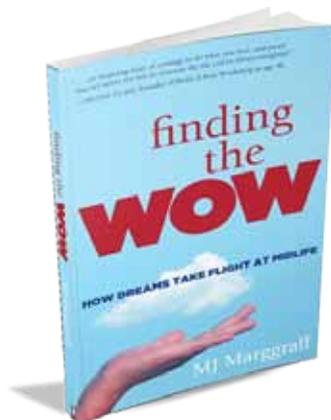
CATCHING UP ON TECH TREK NEWS

**FIND THE WOW
AND SUPPORT TECH TREK**

The Tech Trek committee hopes you will join us in supporting MJ Marggraff, one of our branch members, who has just published a new book *Finding the Wow - How Dreams Take Flight at Midlife*. She chronicles her “midlife course correction,” which began when she decided to follow her childhood dreams, overcome her own fears, and learn to fly at age forty-five.

MJ has generously offered the proceeds of her book purchased by any AAUW member before June 15 to be donated in support of our AAUW OML Tech Trek scholarships. Thank you, MJ, for your significant donation to Tech Trek!

Please visit <http://www.findingthewow.com> and select AAUW as the charitable organization in Step 2 when purchasing.



MJ Marggraff has been a popular keynote speaker, engaging the audience at the 2015 Tech Trek and Scholarship

Awards Program and more recently at our St. Mary's College EYH STEM Conference. As a keynote speaker her stories inspire others to embrace their dreams at any age and not let fear be a barrier to what we want to become.

Watch for her story in the August edition of *O Magazine*, which will feature women who have created bold ‘second acts.’ Let's support Tech Trek and MJ!

Thank you!

**Sandy Fox-Sohner
and Jan Cushman
Tech Trek Co-Directors**

Shred.

↑ Papers On Site!

When the last two cars rolled in to shred after 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 21st, Shred•Defense driver Rob headed over to restart that noisy shredder, saying, “Sure. We're a family here!”

This was his third year working with our Tech Trek team at the 5A Shred•Fest. He remembers when we were all drenched in the downpour in 2014. *Our 2016 Shred•Fest was our best ever, with profits totaling over \$1600!* Thank you to six core members of our Tech Trek Committee (Sheila Apte, Stacia Cragholm, Jan Cushman, Sandy Fox-Sohner, Therese Tamaro, and Lana Reichick), two OML member volunteers (Judy Helder, Mary-Leigh Miller), two strong spouses (Steve Sohner, Ron Concepcion), and six Tech Trek families for all their hard work!

TECH TREK SHRED-FEST • SATURDAY, MAY 21

Tory Courtney, and good friend Sally Takata, were amazing contributors with online postings blanketing Lamorinda neighborhoods. Tech Trekkers Natalie Davis, Hannah Liu and her mother Tang, Emilia Gutman and her mother Kristin, Maya Ramesh and her twin sister Meera (who was also a smart TT candidate), and Audrey Concepcion's brother Ian were hard working, committed volunteers!

Many thanks to OML Members who came to shred trunk loads of boxes and many shopping bags of papers. Our success should be credited to ALL who helped push the word out through newsletters (Ellen Beans, Tory Courtney, Mary-Leigh Miller), community calendars in print and online, NextDoor and Facebook postings, and red Shred signs posted on private property. Thanks to Publicity Chair Chris Lasczc-Davis for all her efforts, and to Maryellen Judson for making sure we were properly insured.

Finally, big, big thanks to 5A Rent-A-Space for hosting this annual fundraiser, and to Manager Gloria Noggle and Assistant Manager Sean Bartels for their support. It all started there. Synergy made it happen. We built it together and they did come--with boxes! Through all our efforts, we can continue to send more smart young Lamorinda girls to Tech Trek Science and Math Camp. *Brava!!*

Lana Reichick



OML HOSPITALITY THANK YOU

A huge round of applause for the many members who helped with snacks/ hospitality for our monthly OML general meetings this year. The food is greatly appreciated by our members.

Thanks to:

Carine Archer
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Thank you from Hospitality Committee

Jan Coe,
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*Thank you to all members
who support AAUW Funds*

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Joan Armstrong
 Alison MacKenzie

Interbranch Council Leadership Training ~ Saturday, May 21st

Three of your branch members were pleased to attend a “job-training” workshop day, led by the Contra Costa Interbranch Council. Specific job-focused training was held in seven hour-long workshops including Presidential Leadership, Public Policy, Program and Treasurer. After lunch, participants broke into small discussion groups about topics of our own suggestion. Gail participated in “Electronic Money - Useful?” and got a wealth of information about PayPal. Alison attended workshops for Program and for Membership and came away with a couple of hot ideas to share. Laura went to the Presidential Leadership workshop and found some ideas worthy of further pursuit. Lunch was pretty good, too. Keep this training in mind: folks other than those actually doing the jobs are welcomed.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ~ MAY 10

The new plan, which allows members to pay dues electronically, was discussed at the April board meeting. The “Membership Payment Plan” will enable us to pay National, State, and Local dues by using credit card or PayPal. Members will continue to make donations and complete the questionnaire locally.

Sandy Fox Sohner announced an ice cream social is planned to gather and celebrate the TechTrek girls prior to the July 3 to 10 camp at Stanford University. MJ Marggraff has published a new book and is offering a special to OML buyers to benefit AAUW-OML Tech Trek.

The college Scholarship award checks are being delivered to the winners. Monday 5/16 will be the Scholarship Committee’s final meeting for lunch and for planning next year.

Public Policy directors Jan Coe and Denise Burian encouraged members to follow the action around the Supreme Court and the absence of a 9th judge. A rotating group of AAUW members is making known how many days it has been without a 9th member.

AAUW OML is celebrating its 60th year. With that in mind, K would like to remove the books of OML history and photographs that she has been storing all these years. They need to be read, culled and scanned onto CDs. The Board would be thrilled to have a few members help us work on the history photo albums. The pictures are priceless.

Cocktail and Conversation will meet on May 26 5- 7 pm at the Fourth Bore Tap and Grill, Theater Square, Orinda.

Maryellen Judson
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC POLICY



AAUW sends out a weekly *“Washington Update.”* If you don’t already get it, you might want to consider signing up for it. Though it is sometimes overwhelming in length, you will discover some real nuggets within it.

“Across the country, AAUW members have raised awareness on the gender pay gap, family leave, civil rights protections, campus sexual assault, women in STEM, and various other issues faced by women. AAUW has created social and legislative momentum to advance the causes of women and families nationwide. The success of AAUW members working with state legislatures and pressuring their members of Congress in Washington, D.C., shows the power of **advocacy by our members.**”

“Employers rely too much on prospective employees’ current salaries when making an offer of employment. Because women are only paid 79% of what men earn, they are more likely to be impacted negatively by the **‘current salary question’** when negotiating their pay. Many employers base new employees’ salaries on just one factor: the employee’s prior salary history.”

“Most U.S. schools still don’t offer computer science. Now governors, educators, and CEOs – including AAUW CEO, Linda Hallman – are asking Congress to give it a boost. Computer science is critical to ensuring our economic future and global competitiveness. Take action by calling on your members of Congress to **fund K-12 computer science.**”

“The Supreme Court sent *Zubik v. Burwell* – a critical case dealing with women’s access to birth control – back to lower courts to find a solution to the Affordable Care Act’s birth control mandate. The court did not rule on the merits of the challenge, and instead decided that the plaintiffs and the government should reach a compromise in lower courts. This continues to cloud the issue of women’s access to contraception.” The **Supreme Court** continues to accept fewer cases and to send more cases back to the lower courts because of the continued vacancy on the SCOTUS.

“The House Rules Committee stripped the **draft requirement for women** in a procedural vote. The language was struck from the National Defense Authorization Act without having a separate debate and vote on the amendment. The House Armed Services Committee originally approved the requirement for women to register for the draft. The Rules Committee’s move to remove the language without debate is being condemned by representatives as a ‘sneaky way’ to reverse the decision of the Armed Services Committee.”

These are a few of the “nuggets” I have gleaned from recent *Washington Updates*.

Remember to exercise your right to vote in the June Primary. Let your voice be heard!

**Jan Coe & Denise Burian
Public Policy Co-Directors**

FOCUS ON ... SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ATTENTION: MUSEUM MAVENS

Have you seen all the excitement about SFMOMA ?

I think we should count on going to San Francisco early September or October 2016! The museum wants us to come.



The Asian Art Museum also has exciting and cultural exhibits that I would like to see. How about you?

A trip to San Francisco is easy. We park at 10 AM at BART, train into the museum, enjoy a lovely lunch, and return around 3 PM. Often tours are available when we enter. Sometimes, as with the Anderson Collection at Stanford, Elaine arranged for a docent.

What is a good day for you? Wednesday, Thursday, Friday?

Experienced Mavens or interested Mavens are encouraged to respond.

Let’s hear from you with interests and ideas. Keep an eye on the “pink sheets”.

**Maryellen Judson
thjudson@aol.com**

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR ADVERTISERS!

As we move into the summer months, I would like to remind everyone to patronize and again thank our advertisers for their advertising support in the AAUW OML Member Directory. Kudos to those of you who always remember! It does make a big difference. Their advertising will also continue in the TRIAD and on the website through September. All of the money raised by this advertising helps promote the work we do locally to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

A further note is to share the news that **Terzetto Café** in the Moraga Shopping Center, our faithful advertiser of many years, has closed its doors for good. The owner, Roos Pal, also owns New Indian Delhi in the Rheem Shopping Center. It would be wonderful to extend a message of appreciation to tell her how much we will miss our branch lunches at Terzettos after meetings and wish her good luck at the deli. Let's all plan to enjoy this Indian cuisine over the summer.

Looking forward to the OML summer ad campaign. **Pat Lopker, Advertising Chair**

NEWS FROM BEYOND OUR BRANCH



AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

Will Your Name Be on the 2017 AAUW Ballot? If you've never considered running for the AAUW Board of Directors, you should! And now's the time to start preparing.

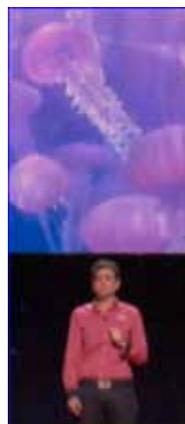
What's it take?

- Some leadership experience inside or outside of AAUW. (Inside AAUW is very helpful!)
- A knowledge of AAUW's programs and resources.
- Availability to travel to board meetings in Washington, D.C., a few times a year; state conventions as assigned; and the biennial convention.
- Participation in teleconference meetings such as board and committee calls, as well as with state presidents, as assigned.
- The desire to be part of changing the climate for women and girls everywhere!

You can help guide AAUW's amazing work to empower women and girls. And if running isn't right for you, encourage a friend.

On TED Talks: Fun stuff around the Internet: The speaker for our Awards ceremony two years ago, **Danielle Feinberg**, Pixar's director of photography, "creates stories with soul and wonder using math, science and code. Go behind the scenes of *Finding Nemo*, *Toy Story*, *Brave*, *WALL-E* and more, and discover how Pixar interweaves art and science to create fantastic worlds where the things you imagine can become real. This talk comes from the PBS special "TED Talks: Science & Wonder."

Click this link if you have 12 minutes to share the fun <http://daniellefeinberg.com/> - the link to her TED talk is the first one on her website.



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Please refer to your current membership directory for complete advertising information.

JUNE & JULY at a GLANCE

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Some Special Interest Groups do not meet in the summer. Check with your coordinator.

JUNE

1 WED – CRITICS CHOICE BOOK GROUP

Pass along your book

2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 – MON & THURS – TENNIS
8:15-10 am – Contact Tory Courtney, 376-1295

7 TUES – BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon – Joyce Dickey 825-7991

4 SAT – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

6:30 pm at the home of Mary Leigh Miller: *Morocco!*
Contact Ksenija Soster-Olmer for more info

13, 27 MON – GOLF

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

14 TUES – IN-OUT BOARD MEETING

12 noon – Home of Laura Wittenberg
7 Mariposa Lane, Orinda
RSVP: laura.wittenberg.MFT@gmail.com
(More info on front page)

15 WED – MEMOIRS & MUSINGS

Contact Carol Messinger 283-8741

17 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

10:30 am – Selection of books for next year and annual luncheon
Contact Susan Wilson, 376-0606
(Please turn to page 4 for more info)

17 FRI – LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Contact Mary Leigh Miller, 631-9694

27 MON – BIKE GROUP

Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

JULY

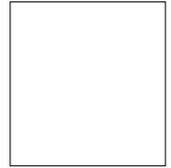
24 WED – AUGUST TRIAD DEADLINE

Send articles to Mary Leigh Miller; mlmiller602@gmail.com

25 MON – BIKE GROUP

Contact Ellen Beans, ellen.beans@gmail.com

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AUGUST 2016

Look for more listings in the AUGUST Triad

19 FRI – ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE BOOK

10:30 am – *Benediction* by Kent Haruf
Meet at the home of Judy Peak, 102 Coral Drive, Orinda
Contact Judy for more info, 376-0540

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

on THURSDAY, MAY 26th
at the *FOURTH BORE TAP & GRILL*

We missed you! Plan to join us next time.
Look for e-card announcements
of summer get togethers.



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.